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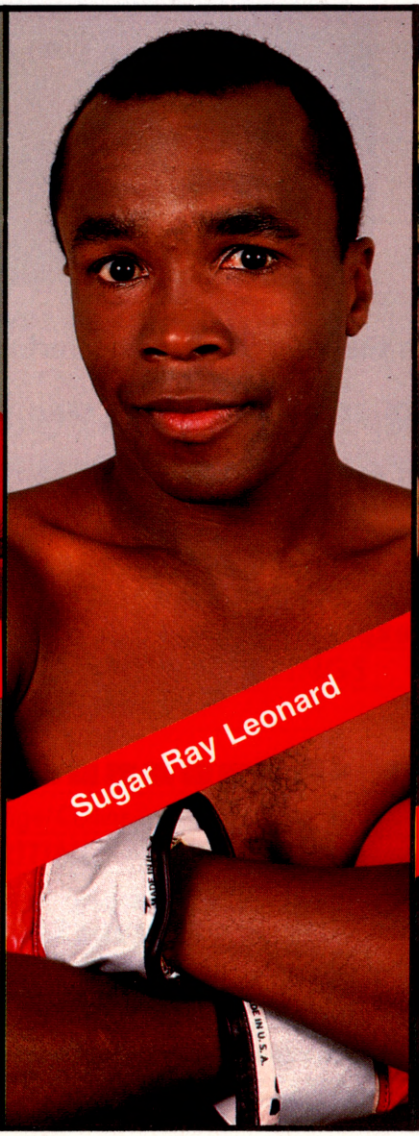

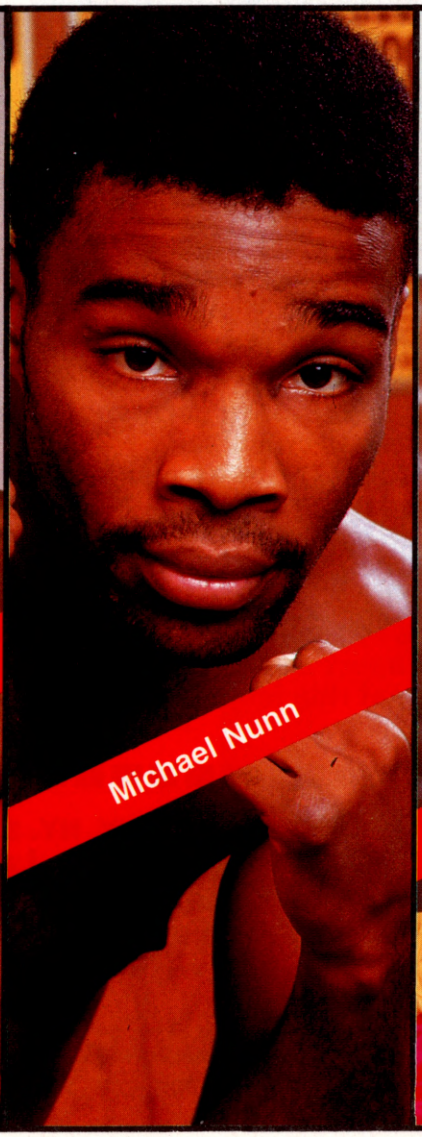

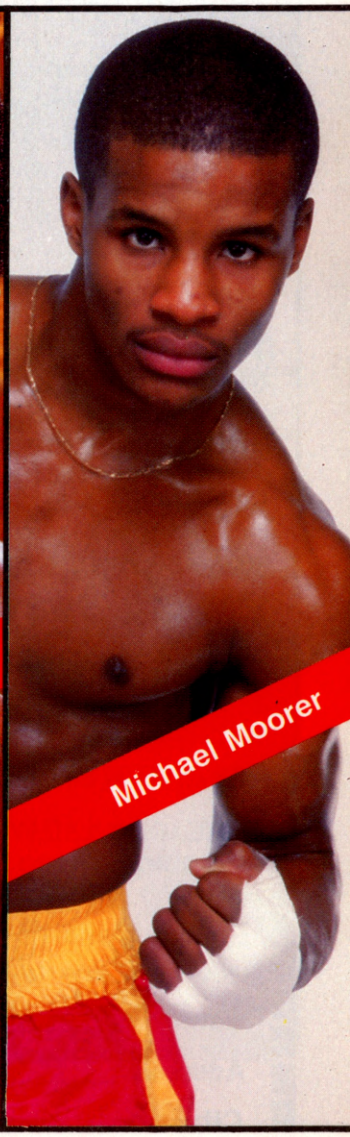

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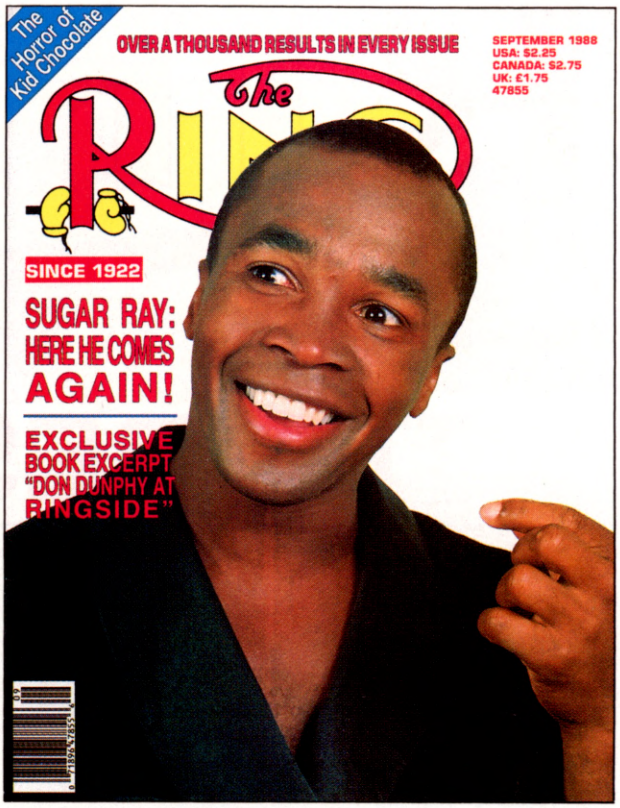

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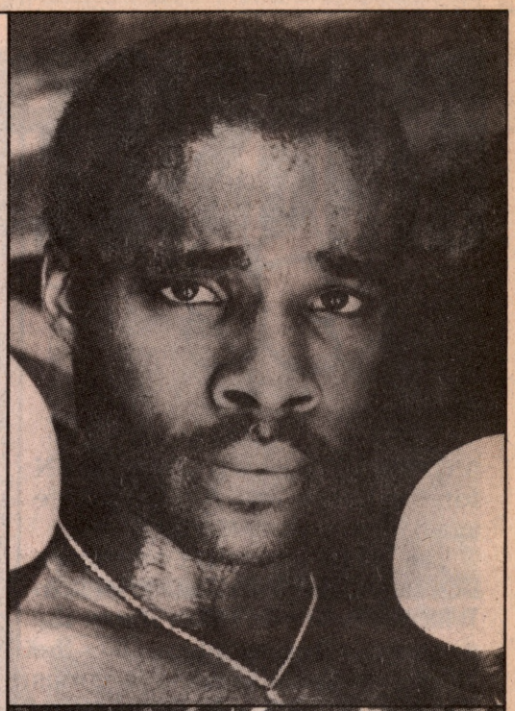

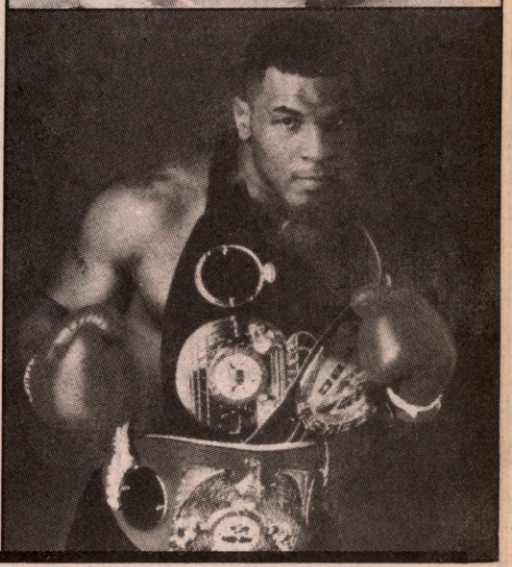

RINGSIDE

ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE DOWN for the count and it's time once again for our annual awards issue.

The Ring's custom of selecting a Fighter of the Year dates back to 1928 when Gene Tunney was the magazine's first recipient. Over the years, various other categories have been added, bringing the current number of official accolades to seven. To spice things up a bit, this year we've added Joe D'O'Brian's whimsical look at some of 1988's off-the-wall happenings, entitled "Just-For-Fun Awards."

Now it's time for my two-cent's worth.

Like most years, 1988 was a mixed bag — some good, some bad and a lot of so-so.

For me, the most satisfying aspect of the past 12 months was being part of *The Ring* team. There were some tough times, but seeing our beautiful new 16-page color section and the numerous other improvements made all the hassles worthwhile. Knowing *The Ring* is a publication all of boxing can be proud of — and getting better all the time — was a truly rewarding experience.

Other personal highlights included a wonderful boxing trip to sunny Jamaica, the broadcast of my first TV script (an Evander Holyfield promo for SHOWTIME) and the privilege of watching some of the finest athletes in the world compete in man-to-man combat.

Topping my bummer list for the year is the demise of 15-round world title bouts, especially considering the long-range repercussions. I just hope I'm not still around when they outlaw head punches.

On the other hand, I was much relieved when another time-honored tradition — winning the heavyweight title in the ring — was perpetuated by Mike Tyson. He owed it to both the sport and himself.

But for all the ups and downs, I enter the New Year with a feeling of optimism for both boxing and *The Ring*. We have some great fights — and some great magazines — to look forward to. What more can one ask for?

Nigel Collins

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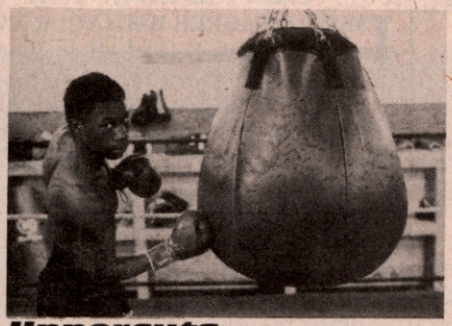

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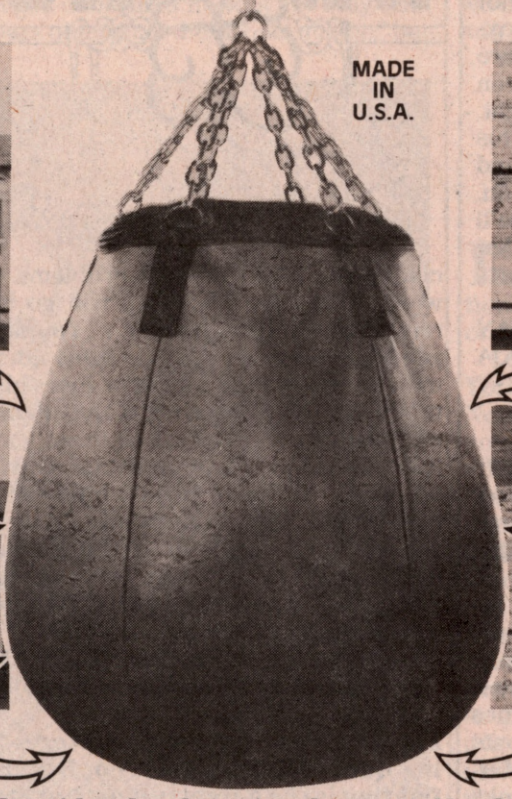

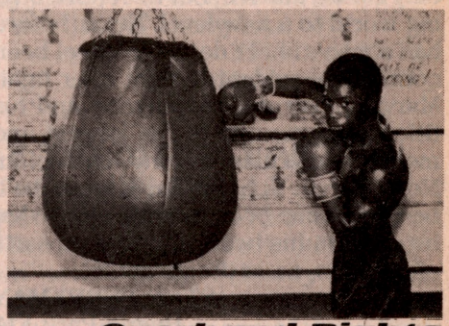

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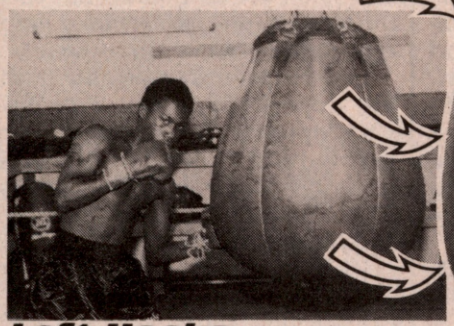

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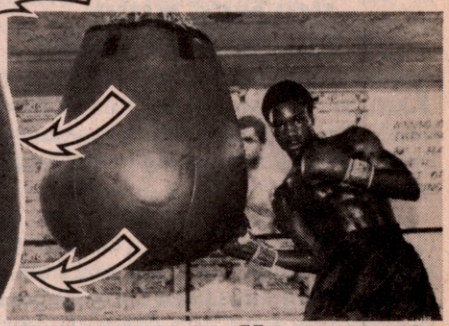

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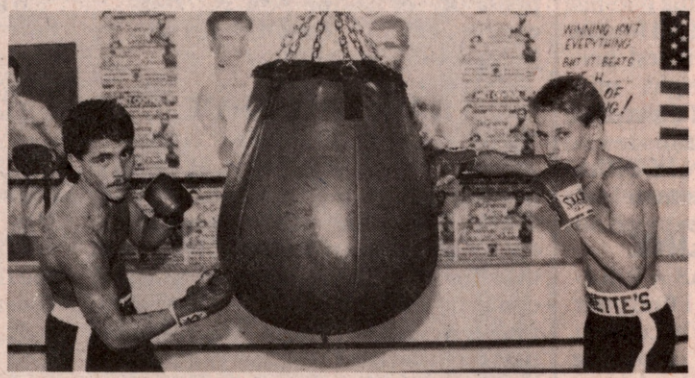

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COME OUT WRITING

OSCAR NEXT FOR MARVELOUS MARVIN?

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK NIGEL COLlins for his article on Marvelous Marvin Hagler's movie career ("Marvelous Marvin Movie Star," Jan. '89). The night Hagler beat Thomas Hearns, he not only raised himself, but the entire boxing world to a new level. Never before has a man's sheer desire to excel been continually evident in fight after fight. Marvin never ducked anyone and his title reign was one of the longest and most spectacular of any champion. Now Marvin is an actor. I know he'll be a great one because no matter what he does, in his heart and in the hearts of his fans, he is the greatest.

STAN PERRYMAN
Bueno Park, CA

HOLMES KING OF THE MISMATCHES

IN REGARDS TO JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN'S article "Looking Out for Number One" (Jan. '89), I would like to submit the following concerning heavyweight mismatches:

Although Muhammad Ali is often accused of fighting "stiffs" (Evangilista, Dunn, Coopman, etc.), the real culprit in recent times has been Larry Holmes. Besides the Tex Cobb fiasco, Holmes also fought championship bouts against such inept competition as Marvis Frazier, Ossie Ocasio, Leon Spinks (forget the first Ali fight — Spinks was never really that good) and Scott Frank, to name just a few.

Actually, Ali fought more world class opponents in title fights than Holmes did his whole career. Joe Louis had his "Bum of the Month" club and Ali fought some non-entities, but the worst perpetrator of the heavyweight mismatches is Holmes, hands down (as most of his opponents' were).

STEPHEN PESHAK
Riverside, CA

DRAWING THE LINE

MAY I FIRST SAY THAT AS A RELAtively young boxing fan I find your magazine invaluable, mainly because it has instilled in me a sense of boxing history and tradition. I applaud your decision to recognize only the eight traditional weight classes and Michael Spinks as the true heavyweight champion until Mike Tyson beat him.

But the latter stance poses an interesting hypothetical question, especially with Tyson's recent problems. I wonder how far *The Ring* will go in recognizing a "true champion." You say you will recognize the true titleholder until he either dies, retires or loses his title in the ring. But what if the champion decides to do none of these and just sits on his championship? Obviously, the Alphabet Boys would strip him at the first opportunity, if not sooner. But would *The Ring* go on proclaiming him champ after three, four, 10 or how many years? Where would you draw the line, if at all?

NEIL MCLAREN
Birmingham, England

Editor's Note: You pose an interesting question, Mr. McLaren. But as fighting is the only way most boxers have of making money, it is unlikely a champion would choose to "sit" on his title for too long. However, if a healthy champ didn't fght for several years, THE RING would probably consider him retired. Of course, each case would have to be judged individually.

SAD, BUT TRUE

IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT THERE IS now a fourth alphabet organization proclaiming itself as a world body? Or did the WBO come into "existence" solely for the sake of Thomas Hearns, so that his match with James Kinchen could be billed for the "world's super middleweight title?" Does all this mean that over the next year or so there will be 16 new WBO "champions?" Well, as Mickey Duff has so honestly stated, more and more stupid people are being born every year. However, within the shambles of it all is the voice of *The Ring* ... but how sad that the rest of the media, including the boxing writers themselves, with few exceptions, don't respect that voice.

LAN WZLLERS
Solothurn, Switzerland

IN DEFENSE OF GENTLEMAN JIM

I MUST DISAGREE WITH YOUR ANALysis of James J. Corbett in your all-time heavyweight ratings. I for one find it almost impossible to rank fighters from generation to generation but do find it, nonetheless, enjoyable to do just that. Yet there seems to be a lack of respect for the fighters from the turn of the century. Fight films from that era do not give true justice of the abilities that these men possessed. Looking at an early Charlie Chaplin film is a case in point. Film speed at the time unfortunately could not properly capture human movement.

In defense of Corbett, the quality of his opposition surely overshadows what appears to be a lack of career fights, 19. In 1889 Corbett KO'd the great Jewish fighter, Joe Choynski in 27 rounds. In 1897 Choynski battled Jim Jeffries to a 20-round draw. Choynski would go on to KO the immortal Jack Johnson in three rounds in 1901. (This was not a fixed fight). Amazing that Choynski as a young fighter in his prime (I do not have his birthdate) is knocked out by Corbett yet eight years later draws with the huge Jeffries and 12 years later dispatches of Johnson in less than 10 minutes. Corbett was 23 when he met Choynski as was Johnson. Jeffries was 22.

When John L. Sullivan was champion he refused to meet Peter Jackson in the ring. The reasons were twofold, Jackson was black and the most feared fighter of the day. Yet Corbett, no more than a big middleweight at 168 pounds fought the 204-pound Jackson to a 61-round draw. The only bets at the time were on how long the Irish bank clerk would last with the ebony giant. After the fight Jackson marveled at Corbett's speed and ability to avoid a punch.

Just before his death in 1954 Grantland Rice wrote in his autobiography of a sparring session between a 59-year old Corbett and Gene Tunney. This took place in 1925, one year before Tunney would defeat Jack Dempsey for the title. They boxed three two-minute rounds with Tunney on the defensive. Rice described Corbett as "bril-

liant with bewildering speed" and that the old man "mixed up his punches better than practically anyone he had ever seen with the exception of Sugar Ray Robinson." Tunney was quoted "I honestly think that he is better than Benny Leonard. It was the greatest thing I have ever seen in the ring. I learned plenty."

As for Corbett's defeat by Bob Fitzsimmons, it is record that "Ruby Robert" refused to give Corbett a rematch. Corbett had ripped Fitz' face to shreds and was well ahead on points when the famous "solar-plexus" punch landed. Also, in Corbett's two challenges of Jeffries he was not only nine years older than the "Boilermaker," but also was outweighed by 30 pounds in each bout. Corbett was also winning the first fight until he ran out of gas and was stopped in the 23rd round.

Let's give credit to these early fighters. If we continue to overlook their greatness we may come to the day when Louis, Armstrong, Loughran et al may just be remembered as champions ... not GREAT champions.

TED DAMIECKI
Bridgehampton, NY

A TRADITION LIVES ON IN PHILLY

I HAVE TO RESPOND TO JOSEPH D'O'Brian's "Goodbye To Another Tradition" article in the February '89 issue of *The Ring*.

I hope you're not one of those New Yorkers who thinks that if it's not in New York it's not a real happening. If you do, you should come to Philly for a fight night because it's the best live fight show in the country.

I own the legendary Blue Horizon auditorium. Here in Philly, everyone knows fighters start here, and if they can cut it, use their fights here to go on to a title. For example, Prince Charles Williams, the current IBF light heavyweight champ, fought regularly at the Blue Horizon until he took the title from Bobby Czyz. IBF junior middleweight champ Robert Hines was also a regular performer at the Horizon. Did you notice that both of them came off the floor to win their titles? Blue Horizon graduates are tough!

Mr. D'O'Brian, New York has ballet. Philly has boxing. Be my guest for the next show and see for yourself.

ROSS COLLETTE
Philadelphia, PA

Editor's Note: For readers interested in all the details about Mr. Collette's legendary fight venue, see "Anatomy Of A Promotion" in the August '86 issue of *THE RING*.

Gone but not forgotten. Though he's been dead since 1954, James J. Corbett still receives fan mail at THE RING. This month reader Ted Damiecki rushes to defend "Gentleman Jim," who finished tied with Bob Fitzsimmons for 15th place in our all-time ratings of heavyweight champions.

ROUND ONE

by Phill Marder

WBOOOOOOO!

Isn't it interesting how much of the media is up in arms about the creation of the WBO?

Too many organizations. Too many champions. Too many meaningless title bouts. As if it has just started. Is four that much worse than three? Are 68 world champions intolerable, while 51 are acceptable?

Is the WBA legitimate and the WBO not?

The truth is that the WBO is just as legitimate as the WBA. Or the WBC or IBF for that matter. When the WBO broke from the WBA, it left the latter organization representing about three countries and a South African it has been trying to get rid of. Of course, the WBO's representation isn't much larger as the WBA didn't have much of a power base even before the split. The IBF also represents a very small number of countries.

Only the WBC has a large membership, and that increases every time Jose needs more support to gain reelection as president.

At least the IBF had the good sense to rally behind **Larry Holmes** when it was founded. That move gave that group instant, though short-lived, credibility.

When the WBO formed, a group was trying to establish that type of credibility by pushing for the use of *The Ring* ratings. Instead, only a few days after its formation, the WBO made itself a laughing stock by jumping in to recognize the **Thomas Hearns/James Kinchen** bout as a "world super middleweight title bout."

The WBO's first ratings quickly followed. The heavyweight championship is listed as vacant, so I suppose no one — not even **Michael Buffer** — can call **Mike Tyson** the undisputed heavyweight champion anymore. In fact, Tyson isn't even rated! The top two contenders? Would you believe **Francesco Damiani** and **Johnny Du-Plooy**?

How about **Bert Cooper** as the No. 2 contender for the vacant cruiserweight title? Should we tell the WBO Cooper lost recently to **Everett "Big Foot" Martin**? Nah, why spoil the fun?

In the light heavyweight class, **Michael Moorer** was ranked No. 1, with **Ramzi Hassan** ranked No. 2. The two met in December on national television for the WBO "world light heavyweight championship," with Moorer winning by TKO. But at no time was the fight described as a world championship fight. On the other hand, it wasn't even mentioned until **Emanuel Steward** threw it in as an aside during the post-fight interview.

Imagine, a "world championship fight" that no one knew was for a "world championship" until it was over.

Meanwhile, **Tyrone Downes**, recently blasted out by **Jeff Fenech**, was ranked No. 1 and matched with No. 2 **Steve Cruz**, a former honest-to-goodness world featherweight champion, for the WBO's vacant 126-pound crown in Trinidad & Tobago. Luis Barradas, chairman of the Trinidad & Tobago Boxing Board of Control, said his board would sanction the bout.

"Good for boxers, but bad

Former heavyweight Johnny Paychek recently passed away at age 74. Paychek is seen here talking with reporters after his two-round loss to Joe Louis in 1940. That's former lightweight champ Benny Leonard next to Johnny. Leonard had predicted that Paychek would upset the "Brown Bomber."

for boxing," is the way Barradas described the WBO's formation. Barradas drew that conclusion after making the astute observation that there may be a drop in the standard and quality of title bouts because too many fighters would be claiming too many crowns.

George Beckles, *The Ring*'s correspondent in T&T, questioned the move, noting that anything bad for boxing must be bad for boxers. Said Beckles, "People should not be allowed to form a world boxing body as easily as if they were opening a snackette. It does not make much sense and the trend should not be allowed to continue."

But how can it be stopped when such learned figures as Steward and **Goody Petronelli** jump on the bandwagon as soon as the dollar signs appear? The Petronellis accepted a WBO middleweight title bout for their **Robbie Sims** against Austria's **Edip Secovic**.

Sims didn't even do anything to merit the world shot he had against **Sumbu Kalambay** last year. And who the hell is Edip Secovic?

"This is perfect for us, fighting for a world title," Petronelli told **Jim Fenton** of the Brockton Enterprise. "This gives Robbie a chance to win a world championship and become the third one from Brockton."

Yep, beating Edip Secovic puts Sims right up there with his half-brother **Marvin Hagler** and former heavyweight champ **Rocky Marciano**!

Oh brother.

BUT $ TALKS

The Ring's Oriental correspondent **Joe Koizumi** passed along the following note. Four of the top five money earners in Korean sports are boxers. **Myung-Woo Yuh**, the WBA junior flyweight champion, earned $405,000 last year, with **Sung-Kil Moon**, the WBA bantam champ, taking home $276,000. **Chong-Pal Park**, ex-WBA super middleweight champ, made $255,000 and **Jung-Koo Chang**, ex-WBC light flyweight champ, earned $225,000.

They may not be real world champions, but they certainly are paid as if they were.

Koizumi also noted a Korean national champion has only four months to defend his title or be stripped. Sometimes, Koizumi noted, the top three contenders in a weight class may all be former champions.

But nowadays the only fighters who aren't former champions are those currently holding titles. At least it seems that way.

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Rocky meets Rocky. Former IBF junior lightweight champ Rocky Lockridge greets Rocky Fiore during a visit with school children to speak about the evils of drug abuse.

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WELSH HONORED

The Ring's Las Vegas bureau chief **Jack Welsh** was honored by the Las Vegas Boxing Hall of Fame as the "National Media Man of the Year." He deserves it. No one works harder at covering the sport.

ROSIN DUST

"Sports Scrapbook," a monthly feature hosted by **Jim Barniak** on PRISM, a Philadelphia cable station, recently featured **Rubin "Hurricane" Carter**. Said Barniak, "I was amazed at how effectively Carter seems to have put his past behind him. He doesn't express any bitterness; he's just looking ahead, experiencing the things he's missed for the past 20 years." ... Another former middleweight contender, **Joe DeNucci**, has also been getting his name in the news often. DeNucci is the Massachusetts state auditor, but he hasn't been getting the ink. His son, Joseph Anthony DeNucci, has as a running back for Newton North High's football team ... Noted author **John D. McCallum** died December 17 in Tacoma, Washington, at 66. McCallum's *The World Heavyweight Boxing Championships* was on the Literary Guild best-seller list ... And **Johnny Paychek**, who challenged **Joe Louis** for the heavyweight crown, died at 74 in Illinois ... And reverend **John E. Brown**, a former boxer who trained **Stefan Tangstad**, died at 61 in Chicago ... Another obit reached us from England where former promoter **Beryl Cameron Gibbons** died of cancer ... **Michael Spinks** received the Rocky Marciano Award from the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, Inc., which also honored Pete Della, NY chief of officials, Carol Castellano, judge, Mickey Maye, former Golden Gloves champ, Harry Warren, international writer, Alvin Bachman, trainer, and Marta Green, the AAIB's treasurer ... **Todd Foster** and **Bomani Parker** recently hooked on with the Houston Boxing Association ... Illinois suspended **Willie Patterson** for one year for "not honestly competing as a boxer in his bout with **Joe Lipsey Jr.**" ... Recently retired **Tex Cobb** now plugging tunes for his music publishing company, Heavyweight Titles.

PUNCH LINES

Archie Moore, on being selected by *The Ring* as the best light heavyweight champ ever, said, "I was confident that when the statistics were compiled that determine such things, that my rightful position would be secure. I had more KOs than the rest of them had fights!" □

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Evans TKO3 Joey Christjohn
Anders Eklund KO3 Rick Kellar
Adilson Rodriguez TKO2 Sammy Scaff
Franklin Otts KO3 Kevin Carter
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Pierre Coetzer W10 Ossie Ocasio
Dean Waters TKO4 Kevin Barry
Alonzo Cutchins W10 Bobby Franklin

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Don Lee TKO2 Terry Jackson
Chris Tiozzo KO8 Sylvester White
Johnny Du Plooy KO7 Everett Martin
Nicky Walker W10 Sakkie Horn
Freddy Delgado TKO2 Aaron Greene
Alberto Gonzalez TKO2 David Acosta
Jimmy Bills TKO2 Don Askew
Alex Blanchard D12 Tarmo Uusivirta
Clarimundo Silva KO5 Horacio Silva
Willie Wilson D10 Dwight Davison
Bobby Czyz KO7 Mike DeVito
Marcellus Allen W10 James Williams
Michael Moorer TKO5 Ramzi Hassan
Ralph Moncrief W10 Jim MacDonald
Roy Skeldon KO3 Steve Aquilina
Tony Wilson W10 Randy Smith
Bokkie Buys TKO6 Victor Claudio
Lester Yarbrough W10 Lopez McGee

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tony Thornton W12 Mike Tinley
Wayne Harris TKO12 Albert Browne
John David Jackson TKO8 Lupe Aquino
(Won WBO Jr. Middleweight Title)
Carlos Elliot KO11 Francisco Lisboa
Yoshiaki Tajima W10 Satoshi Yokozaki
Darrell Flint KO6 Richard Gagnon
Jacques Leblanc W10 Gary Macintyre
Juan Gutierrez TKO7 Paul Thorn
Tommy Perez KO12 Toby Flores
Gilbert Baptist W10 Oscar Pena
Dan Morgan KO11 Dean Keene
Andy Till W10 W.O. Wilson
Nigel Benn TKO1 David Noel
Terry Norris KO6 Reading Steve Little
Troy Waters W10 Ricky Stackhouse

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sulio Sanchez TKO3 Sergio Arreola
Jake Carollo W10 Henry Mobley
Mauricio Rodriguez TKO4 Orlando Orosco
Derrick Rolon TKO9 Mike Mungin

German Torres receives a giant trophy following his victory over Soon-Joong Kang for the WBC light flyweight title.

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Hiroyuki Yoshino KO2 Tadafumi Miura
Alain Bonnamie TKO7 Hector Rosario
Yong-Bae Cho KO3 Sang-Kil Lee
Joe Alexander TKO6 Cassius Clay Horne
Aaron Pryor KO3 Herminio Morales
Gary Jacobs KO4 Richard Rova
Pat Barrett W10 Kevin Plant
Mark Purcell W10 Glyn Mitchell
Del Bryan TKO8 Mel Justin
Mike Johnson KO9 Vincent Releford
Courtney Hooper W12 Howard Stewart
Frankie Warren W12 Micky Ward

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Dingaan Thobela KO8 Brian Roche
Kenny Vice KO2 Joe Sanchez
Eiji Ohyama KO8 Luis Milado
Kenji Iizumi KO2 Rungdej Tanakorn
Iwao Ohtomo KO9 Yasuyuki Fukuda
Francisco Arreola TKO2 John Vaccarella Jr.
Hugo Anguiano W10 Daniel Garcia
Chil-Sung Chun TKO4 Superboy Eakvat
Anthony Jones TKO6 Cubanito Perez
Harold Rhodes TKO2 Ralph Reyes
Barry McGuigan TKO8 Julio Miranda
Policarpo Diaz KO5 Luca Delorenzi
Frankie Randall TKO1 Eduardo Luciano
Azumah Nelson KO3 Sidnei Dal Rovere
(Retained WBC Super Featherweight Title)
Racheed Lawal KO12 Lars Lund Jensen
John Duplessis TKO9 Tunde Foster

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Pablo Ramos KO3 Erelin Sanchez
Juan Sanchez TKO11 Jose Pozos
Michael Parris D12 Wayne Smith
Hiroaki Yakota KO6 Kazushige Shibuya
Kengo Fukuda W10 Ratana Singsamang
Barrington Francis TKO5 Pasquale Procopio
Cha-Suk Oh W10 Chun-Hyun Kim
Mike Whalley TKO7 Russ Davison
Pedro Decima TKO4 Robert Shannon
Tom Johnson W12 Gilbert Contreras
Hurley Snead TKO8 Julian Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Ramon Felix W10 Carlos Castro
Tito Morgan KO4 Dagoberto Rodriguez
Welcome Ncita TKO2 Jaime Oliveria
Roland Gomez W10 Ramon Solis
Joao Cardoso TKO7 Hector Piedrabuena
Jun Hoki KO4 Juan Carola
Shigeru Okabe KO5 Tae-Sang Chun
Tatsuya Sugi KO2 Yoshihiro Ichiyanagi
Shoichi Shimamura W10 Kolleita Tanaka
Chang-Kyun Oh W10 Ben Campagnan
Sung-Kil Moon KO7 Edgar Monserrat
(Retained WBA Title)
Duke McKenzie W10 Artemio Ruiz
Pepillo Valdez KO8 Ray Minus
Kaosai Galaxy KO2 Tae-Il Chang
(Retained WBA Junior Bantamweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Candido Corona TKO9 Luis Lugo
Gatito Sanchez W10 Fermin Rivera
Luis Monzote TKO6 Jenaro Coronado
Louis Curtis W12 Reggie Brown
Tomohiro Kiuna W10 Kenichi Kimura
German Torres W12 Soon-Joong Kang
(Won WBC Light Flyweight Title)

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Phill Marder

Q: Maybe there was some arrangement in the (Jack) Johnson match, but (Sailor) Burke gave away more than 30 pounds to the future champ. Burke was a terrific puncher who was one of the few to knock out Joe Grim. He also KO'd many others and met the leading men of his era (black and white), including Peter Maher, Joe Thomas, Dave Holly, Frank Mantell, Charley Sieger, Jack "Twin" Sullivan, Billy Papke, etc., etc.

CHUCK HASSON
Pennsylvania

A: *Mr. Hasson pointed out that "The Answerman's" response to Jack Loughnane and Dorothe Lawrence about their relative, Sailor Burke, was a bit insensitive. And he is correct, though it certainly wasn't intended that way. It was noted Burke met Johnson in Johnson's prime and arranging for fights to go the distance was rather commonplace in those days. The description of Burke as 'another unmemorable fighter' came from Randy Roberts. To boxing historians such as Mr. Hasson, the Sailor is far from unmemorable, and we thank Mr. Hasson for showing Burke in a more favorable and accurate light. Mr. Hasson has also promised to supply the complete record of Jimmy Soo for neighbor George Olkus of Philadelphia.*

Q: For years I've been reading your magazine and I feel that it is the best boxing magazine on the shelves today. Anyway, I've got a few questions. First, why did the WBA, WBC and IBF split the weight divisions into junior and super categories, seldom allowing the best fighters in their respective weight classes to meet? Second, I would like to know if there is any explanation why many championship fights in the smaller weight divisions are never televised? I understand they are often very good fights boxing fans might like to see. Keep up the good work!

DON JASSO
Montana

A: *Though it's often impossible to understand why boxing's three governing bodies do what they do, the reasons for the rampant multiplication of weight divisions are rather easy to explain. The governing bodies say it's safer, but that's nonsense. With eight, or even 10 divisions, fighters would have to fight top quality opposition to reach the top. Often today, the first time a fighter faces a top opponent is in a title fight, which presents a dangerous situation. The groups claim fighters have more opportunity to make more money with more titles. Yes and no. They make more money quicker. But with less titles and smaller purses, fighters would have to fight more to make the same money. By fighting more often, they would better learn their craft and would be in better shape. The real reason is money. Each of boxing's big three, and all the other sanctioning bodies for that matter, receive a sanctioning fee each time a bout is given that group's recognition as a title fight. For instance, all three sanctioned the Tyson/Spinks fight and received almost a half-million dollars to share! Consequently, if there are more divisions, there are more title fights. And if there are more title fights, there are more sanctioning fees flowing into the coffers of the sanctioning bodies.* **The Ring** *recognized the Tyson/Spinks fight as a championship fight and has a belt for Mike Tyson. And we didn't charge a nickel. The smaller fights provide action, but not ratings, according to the networks. But the two most-watched fights of 1988, up until November 21, were lightweight bouts, Greg Haugen vs. Vinny Pazienza and Jose Luis Ramirez vs. Pernell Whitaker. In addition, three others below welterweight (Rocky Lockridge/Harold Knight, fourth; Meldrick Taylor/Buddy McGirt, seventh; and Jeff Fenech/Tyrone Downes, tied for 10th) made the top 10. The others were Lupe Aquino/Milton McCrory, third; Sumbu Kalambay/Mike McCallum, fifth; Michael Nunn/Kevin Watts, sixth; and Virgil Hill/Jean Marie Emebe and Dennis Andries/Bobby Czyz, tied for 10th.*

This month the "Answerman" helps reader Rockin' Ron with some info on retired middleweight Denny Moyer.

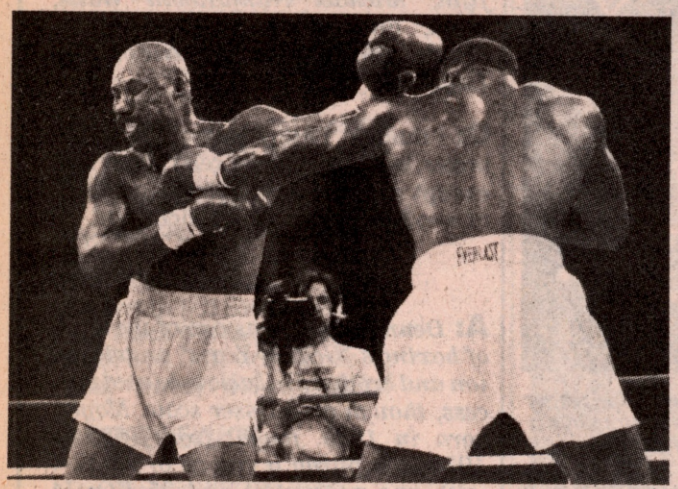
Q: I thought Denny Moyer was a fine boxer, but I have never read about him except when he is mentioned in a story of another fighter who fought him.

ROCKIN' RON
California

A: *Denny Moyer was one of the stars of boxing's "Golden Years" on television and brother Phil also achieved success, though on a lesser scale. Moyer, born in 1939, fought from 1957 to 1975, compiling a record of 98-37-4 with one no contest and 25 KOs. A standup boxer, Moyer was durable and a light puncher, thus his fights usually went a good distance, allowing for plenty of commercials. A month short of his 20th birthday and in his 20th bout, the unbeaten Moyer tried for Don Jordan's welterweight championship, but lost a 15-round decision. He later won recognition as world junior middleweight champ. Moyer had wins over Johnny Saxton, Tony Dupas, Gaspar Ortega, Vince Martinez, Paddy DeMarco, Virgil Akins, Tony DeMarco, Emile Griffith, Benny Paret, Charley Scott, Ray Robinson, Ted Wright and Joey Giambra and also faced Joey Archer, Ralph Dupas, Joey DeNucci, Nino Benvenuti, Carlos Monzon, Vito Antuofermo and just about anyone else willing to lace 'em up.* □

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



Evander Holyfield (right) nails Pinklon Thomas flush in the face with a stiff left jab. Holyfield stopped the former WBC heavyweight champ in seven, earning THE RING's Fighter of the Month honors in the process.

PHOTO BY TOM CASINO

FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE SEVENTH-ROUND STOPPAGE OF PINKlon Thomas, **Evander Holyfield** has earned designation as *The Ring*'s "Fighter of the Month."

Holyfield entered the contest ranked No. 1 in the heavyweight division by *The Ring*, while Thomas, former WBC titleholder, had been inactive since being knocked out by Mike Tyson and had slipped to the lower rungs of the top 10 by fight time. Holyfield couldn't knock out Thomas, or even knock him down, but he hurt him on several occasions and dominated the proceedings from the opening bell.

A close runner-up is Australia's **Jeff Fenech**, who remained undefeated in retaining his WBC featherweight title with a five-round blastout of New Jersey's George Navarro, who was never in the hunt.

Mexican **German Torres** had been unsuccessful in four title tries, but didn't give up, decisioning Soon-Joong Kang over 12 rounds for the WBC light flyweight title to earn honorable mention. Detroit lightweight **Anthony Jones**, ranked eighth by *The Ring*, also deserves mention as he became the first to stop veteran Cubanito Perez, who surrendered after six bloody frames. □

DOKES – SEKORSKI

ATLANTIC CITY — THE SELLout crowd at the Convention Hall East Room dutifully sat through the rugged, but uninspiring prelims, then began to come alive when Michael Dokes and "Rocky" Sekorski entered the ring to contest the former's Continental-Americas heavyweight title. Dokes, 220, Akron, was being primed as Evander Holyfield's next opponent, with some of the main event's glamour spilling over onto his encounter with the rough-hewn Sekorski, 228, St. Paul. But while the fans were reasonably entertained and excited by the clashing behemoths, they hardly saw the emergence of a terroristic threat to Holyfield's lead in the heavyweight ranks. Rather, Dokes was taxed in pounding out a commanding but hard-won unanimous decision over the out-classed, but obdurate Rocky.

The unaffecting Sekorski at least nodded in the direction of the lost art of feinting by constantly jiggling his easily reachable head. But he appeared unable to coordinate it with any offensive surprises. His best weapon seemed to be a totally guileless overhand right that Dokes was apparently unable to take seriously until it crashed into his head. The first one landed in Round Two, stunned the favorite, and kind of set the tone for the match: the underdog never quite out of it, doing enough to keep Dokes honest and the crowd interested. Michael did his best when he was able to pin Rocky's unpredictable swings to his sides with crunching body shots, then bring up left hooks to the head. By the fifth, Sekorski was running out of options and being brought to a standstill.

But whether it be from weight, age or substance abuse, the former titlist is only at his best in flurries, then needs to coast. "I had lightning reflexes as a kid," he later reflected, as if by way of admission. This only lends encouragement to stubborn opponents such as Sekorski, who still appeared capable of turning it around in the middle sessions. Dokes was so tired after the seventh that a slight push from ref Paul Venti sent him reeling to his corner. But the pounding he was taking from Dokes' flurries told on Rocky, too. After a couple of huff-and-

puff rounds, Michael went for broke in the 11th. Trapped on the ropes under a savage barrage of hooks to body and head, Rocky's only means of escape was the floor. Then, reeling backwards across the ring, he was nailed by a screaming right that dropped him again, this time like there was no tomorrow. But there was . . . as the stubborn Minnesotan refused to gild the lily, arising and lasting the full distance. Eugene Grant had it 120-107, while Frank Brunette and "Rocky" Castellani both had 120-106.

Dokes became 37-1-2 and Sekorski 22-9.

Ricardo Salazar, 135, W. Orange, took a unanimous decision from Sterling Staton, 133, Phila., in a scrappy four. Ricardo dropped Sterling in the second, then carelessly walked into a counter and was floored himself. Ref, Venti.

Keith Providence, 166, NYC, was too fast and sharp for willing Carlos Santiago, 165, Phila., taking a unanimous verdict in a hard-fought four. Ref, Tony Perez.

Reuben Flores, 180½, Bronx, beat the daylights out of game Leroy Moore, 171, Morristown, NJ, to win a unanimous four. Ref, Perez.

Philip Jackson, 185, Miami, pounded out a unanimous win over Wendell Everett, 184, Trenton, in a rugged four. Ref, Venti.

Promoters: Dan Duva (Main Events/Monitor Productions), Don King Productions & Caesars.

Matchmaker: Johnny Bos.

Attendance: 3,000.

TV: SHOWTIME.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Announcer: Jimmy Marotta.

(12-9-88)

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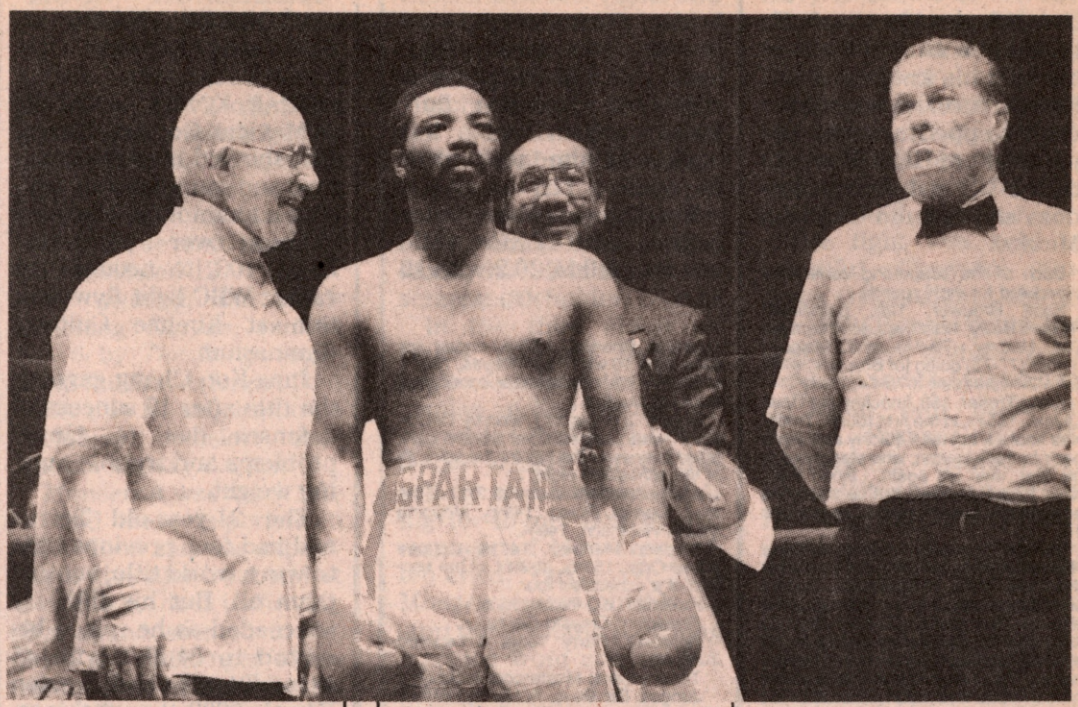


Aaron Pryor stands in the center with 82-year-old trainer Frank Verna (left) and referee Frank Adams (right) after stopping Hermino Morales in three rounds in Rochester.

PHOTO BY ANGELO PROSPERO

PRYOR – MORALES

ROCHESTER — AARON Pryor, now residing in Rochester, scored an unimpressive win, knocking out Hermino Morales of Chicago at 1:32 of Round Three of a scheduled 10.

Pryor, 37-1 with 33 KOs, appeared rusty the first two rounds, missing frequently while getting hit with some good shots. The former junior welterweight titleholder landed his first big punch in Round Three and the fragile-chinned Morales, kayoed in his last five fights, collapsed and was counted out at 1:32, his record dropping to 10-6-1.

In the 10-round co-feature, Lou Vallar of Syracuse mauled his way to a unanimous decision over Bobby Thomas of Loch Belly, Virginia, in a clinch-filled heavyweight bout. Vallar, 19-4, was expected to get a shot at **George Foreman** here, but New York commissioner Randy Gordon KO'd the match, saying Vallar was unfit as an opponent for the current "King of Oldies." Thomas fell to 19-13 as the judges scored 9-1 (twice) and 8-2.

Plainsfield, New Jersey lightweight Tracy Spann was the most impressive fighter on the show, raising his record to 19-0 with 14 KOs as he stopped Benton Harbor, Michigan's Sebastian Wilburn with a flurry in Round Six. Wilburn had been down in Round Two.

Floyd Peavy, former Rochester amateur champion, captured a unanimous decision over "Smokin' Joe" Walker of Akron, Ohio, in a slow bout, all judges scoring 5-1. Peavy is 16-5, Walker, 15-4.

John Scully, a 162-pounder from Connecticut, made it seven in a row, all by knockout, by stopping Raheen Muhammed, 164, in four. Scully floored Muhammed in Round Two and twice in Round Four when the referee stopped the contest.

Fans had hardly settled into their seats when Harry "Kid Niagara" Kallett of Syracuse threw the first punch of the evening and starched Larry Lilly of White Oak, West Virginia, in just 41 seconds. Kallett is 1-1-1, while Lilly was making his pro bow as a heavyweight.

Promoter: LKB Productions/Jim Cassidy.

Matchmaker: Don Elbaum.

Referees: Frankie Adams & Pete Saco.

Judges: Donnie Nodecker, Don Ackerman & Tony DeSalvo.

Announcer: Colleen Flynn.

(12-15-88)

ANGELO PROSPERO

FENECH – NAVARRO
WBC Featherweight Title

MELBOURNE — AUSTRALia's Jeff Fenech, *The Ring*'s No. 1 featherweight contender, added another victim to his growing list when he halted George "Go Go" Navarro in Round Five of a scheduled 12-round bout for Fenech's WBC featherweight title.

"Go Go" wanted to go at the end of Round Three but referee Arthur Mercante had a talk with him and he decided to continue. It just added up to more punishment.

A capacity house of 15,000 (more than 700 were turned away) filled the National Tennis Centre to give Fenech a terrific welcome. Navarro weighed in just over 128 and had two hours to lose the excess baggage, which he did. After, trainer Carmine Graziano said Navarro was dehydrated, but whose fault was that? Actually, Navarro couldn't have beaten Fenech if he had had an axe in one hand and a six-gun in the other.

It was not a great fight because Navarro, ranked 10th by *The Ring* before the bout, clung like a limpet at every opportunity. It appeared he came to survive, but both were guilty of roughhouse tactics, Navarro losing a point in Round Three, Fenech losing one in Round Four.

Navarro, 126, slipped to the deck early in Round Four, and later was floored twice, the second time just before the bell. In Round Five, Fenech, 125½, was all

over Navarro like a rash. He belted him around the ring, buckled his knees and had him defenseless when Mercante stepped in at 1:41. The judges were Hank Elesperu of the US and Pedro Mendoza and Arsenio Garcia of Mexico.

Each of the supporting bouts was scheduled for eight rounds.

Scott Brouwer, 126, outpointed Richard Reilly, 125¾, in a good contest, Cliff Heaver (78-74) and Malcolm Bulner (77-75) going for Brouwer, while John Wheeler saw it 75-74, Reilly.

Craig Trotter, 158, knocked out Dean Layton, 155¾, in the first round. Trotter was floored, but rose quickly and came back to deck Layton, who staggered to his feet, then fell again. Layton managed to get up again, but he was gone and referee Bulner finished counting to 10.

Former Australian champion Dave Russell, 195½, halted American Jack Johnson, 193¾, in Round Six, referee Jim Boland stopping the contest at the end of the round. There were no knockdowns, but Johnson had a cut eye, though that did not cause the stoppage. The Jack Johnson who came here in 1908 was much better than the Jack Johnson who came here in 1988!

Australian junior bantamweight champion Peter Mitrevski, 114, clearly outpointed Billy Duluth, 115. Heaver and Wheeler each scored 78-74, with Bulner carding 80-72, all for Mitrevski, who recently relinquished the Australian bantamweight championship.

Promoter: Bill Mordey's Classic Promotions.
(11-30-88)

RAY MITCHELL

CANIZALES – NAVARRO
IBF Bantamweight Title

SAN ANTONIO — DESPITE having not fought for a year, Miami's Jimmy Navarro was ranked No. 1 by the IBF and received a title shot against Orlando Canizales of Laredo, Texas.

One could say Navarro still hasn't fought in a year as Canizales belted him out in just 2:29 of the scheduled 12.

Canizales, 118, dropped his challenger twice, with Navarro, 117½, failing to beat the count on the second trip. Canizales went right after Navarro, hurting him with a right, then dropping him with a pair of left hooks. Canizales pursued Navarro, who tried to fight back with little success. A right by Canizales hurt Navarro again and a left hook sent him face-first to the deck.

The 23-year-old Canizales is 21-1-1 with 17 KOs, while Navarro fell to 20-2 with 15 KOs.

Harold Rhodes, 127½, ended his scheduled 10 with Ralph Reyes, 128½, at 2:29 of the second after dominating the brief slugfest.

Robert Quiroga, 117, won by TKO in seven when James "Tim" Silva, 116¼, failed to answer the bell for the seventh of the scheduled eight.

A scheduled six ended at 2:13 of the third, Derrick Rolon, 149¾, stopping Moses Robinson, 149¾.

Stephen Martinez, 148½, stopped Alfred Ortiz, 151¾, at 2:11 of the second of a scheduled four.

Promoter: KO Productions.

Physician: Ernesto Garza.

Referees: Harry Yeats & Leonard Zuniga.

Timekeepers: Masterpool & Gavin.

Judges: Ric Bays, Al Munoz, Robert Martin, Sam Duran, Ray Portilla & Wilfredo Esperon.
(11-29-88)

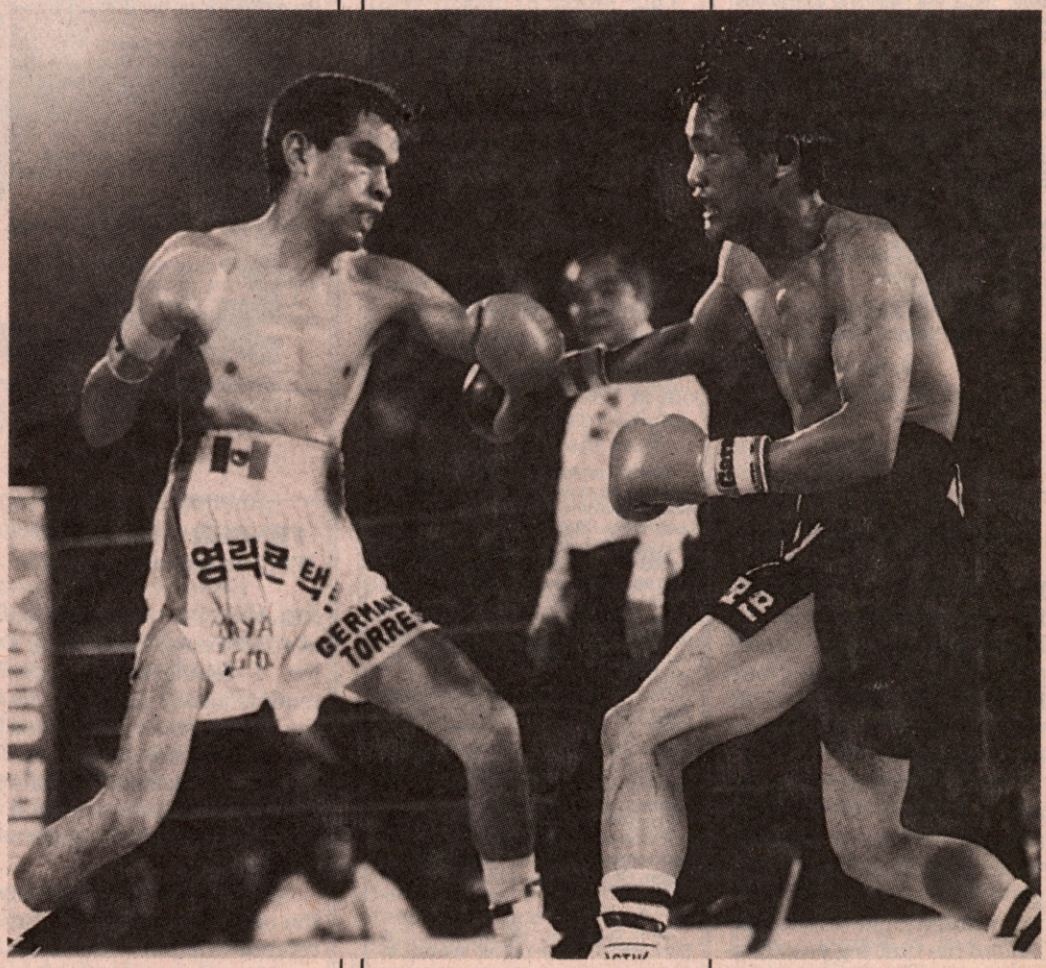
TORRES – KANG
WBC Light Flyweight Title

KIMHAE, KOREA — VETERan Mexican German Torres, 107, showed his determination and gameness in winning a unanimous 12-round decision over Soon-Joong Kang, 108, to acquire the vacant WBC light flyweight title at Kimhae Cultural Gymnasium.

Jung-Koo Chang gave up the title after 15 successful defenses due to family problems and trouble making weight.

The 31-year-old Torres had had four previous tries to win a world title, but lost them all. But his fifth try succeeded as he raised his record to 54-11-1 with 45 KOs. Torres had beaten Kang in 1983, though this reporter had Kang winning by two points. However, Torres remembered Kang was a slow starter and took the action to the Korean in the early rounds. Kang, an aggressive but soft-punching infighter with a 29-8-1, five KOs record, suffered a cut on the skull in the seventh round and was sometimes unable to see his opponent in the next frame.

Kang did hurt Torres in the 10th, sending him across the ring. But the ropes kept Torres from landing on the seat of his



German Torres (left) on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision over Soon-Joong Kang for the WBC light flyweight title in Kimhae, Korea.

PHOTO BY JOE KOIZUMI

pants and he fought back hard over the last two sessions to win obviously. Davey Pearl and Chuck Williams of the US each scored 116-113, with Gus Mercurio of Australia calling it 117-112.

Chang-Kyun Oh, 120¼, avoided the roundhouse blows of Filipino Ben Campagnan, 119¼, with his defensive skill and battered the latter's breadbasket from the fourth on to win a unanimous decision in 10. Oh gave up his Korean title after a shameful street fight last February, and this was his first appearance since. He improved to 23-4-3 with 10 KOs, while Campagnan fell to 18-6-1 with six KOs.

Yong-Bae Cho, 146½, the KBC's top welterweight, ran his unbeaten log to 10-0, all by KO, as he disposed of Sang-Kil Lee, 146¼, with three knockdowns at 1:15 of the third of a scheduled 10.

Ex-OPBF junior bantam champ Byung-Kwan Chung, 116¼, came back after his bitter KO loss in a try for Kaosai Galaxy's WBA throne to impressively knock out Dae-Keun Lee, 116¾, at 1:36 of the third of a scheduled eight.

Cha-Suk Oh, 126, took the vacant Korean featherweight title with a unanimous 10-round decision over Chun-Hyun Kim, 125¾. Oh is 10-7-4 with two KOs, while Kim is 12-9-1 with five KOs.

Promoter: Hoyun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

Attendance: 3,000 (est.).

(12-11-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

MOON – MONSERRAT
WBA Bantamweight Title

SEOUL — UNBEATEN SUNG-Kil Moon, 117¼, overpowered Panamanian lefty Edgar Monserrat, 116¾, dropping him thrice en route to an impressive knockout at 0:44 of the seventh round of the scheduled 12.

In winning, the hard-punching Korean, ranked No. 6 by *The Ring*, registered the first defense of the WBA title he acquired on a technical decision over Kaokor Galaxy August 14.

Monserrat was much taller and more experienced than Moon and was expected to give him trouble, but a visit to the deck in the very first round seemed to deprive the challenger of his vaunted speed and reflexes. The 25-year-old Moon began his fireworks early, throwing roundhouse hooks. The 22-year-old Panamanian averted most of the blows, but took some vicious lefts and rights and was downed on the seat of his pants and was barely saved by the bell.

Moon tried for the kill in the second, dominating with busy, but wild rallies. Monserrat did manage to score with some southpaw left uppercuts to the chin of Moon, but didn't hurt the scrappy titleholder.

In the third Moon attacked furiously from all angles, sending the Panamanian reeling to the canvas with a flurry. The challenger gamely pulled himself up and resumed fighting toe-to-toe. Luis Spada, manager of Monserrat, often cried, "Box, move," but Monserrat was unable to stop the non-stop punching machine from coming forward.

In Round Seven, the Korean concentrated on landing solid blows to the face and Monserrat was decked for the third time. When he managed to stand, referee Larry Rozadilla of Los Angeles had already finished the fatal 10. Moon, 115-12 as an amateur, raised his record to 8-0 with seven knockouts, while Monserrat, making his third attempt to win a world title, fell to 20-7-1 with 12 KOs.

The fight was held in beautiful Chamshil Students' Gymnasium, home of the 1988 Olympic bouts. But despite the arena's great capacity and the popularity of Moon, only 3,000 attended. Perhaps the incidents at the Olympics may be contributing to a decline in boxing's popularity here.

In the semifinal 10, Chil-Sung Chun, 137¼, displayed improvement, one-sidedly disposing of Thai Superboy Eakvat, 136½, with three knockdowns at 1:41 of the fourth session. Chun, Olympic bronze medalist in Los Angeles, is 12-1 with eight KOs. The taller Thai fell to 5-5 with four KOs.

Promoter: 88 (Palpal) Promotions.

Judges: Jesus Celis, Stuart Winston & Lou Tabat.

(11-27-88)

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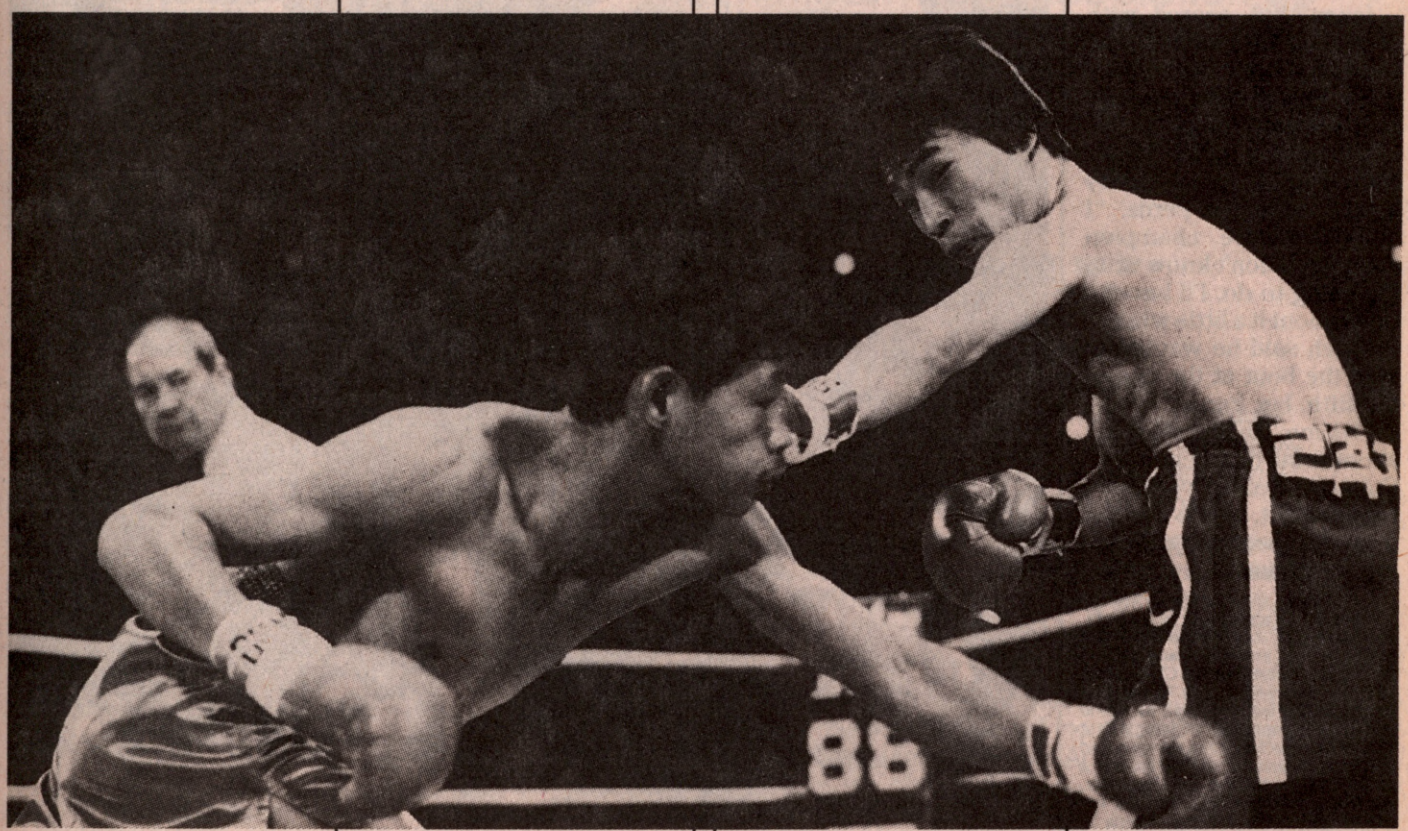

Sung-Kil Moon (right) spears Edgar Monserrat with a left en route to an impressive knockout in defense of his WBA bantamweight title in Seoul.

PHOTO BY JOE KOIZUMI

JONES – PEREZ

LAS VEGAS — DETROIT'S Anthony Jones, ranked No. 8 in the lightweight division by *The Ring* going into this fight, scored a bloody six-round TKO over Cuban-born Irleis "Cubanito" Perez at Bally's.

The loss marked the first time Perez, a 10-year vet fighting out of Las Vegas, was stopped in a 36-4, 25 KOs log. There were no knockdowns, but the 22-year-old Jones was practically taking target practice from the first round of this scheduled 10 as he improved to 20-1-1 with 10 KOs.

Perez, 136½, kept trying to end the bout with one punch and missed badly more than he landed. Jones' firepower forced Perez to clinch five times in the first round and no less than 16 times after until trainer Eddie Futch wisely refused to let Perez come out for the seventh.

Jones, 136, scored with double combinations to the head and may have fractured Perez' nose as early as the second round.

"Jones is a good fighter and he put it on me pretty good," admitted Perez. "I think he'll be champion someday. I don't know what I'm going to do. I'll have to think about it a little while."

Futch said he wanted to stop the bout at the end of the fifth, but Perez "wouldn't let me. He should think about some other endeavor. Cubanito trained very hard for this fight, but he was flat from the beginning. There are no excuses."

In the most exciting fight of the night, Joe Alexander, 144, Philadelphia, got off the canvas in the first and second rounds to surprise Cassius Clay Horne, 145, Phoenix, with a TKO 15 seconds into the sixth of the scheduled 10. Horne dropped the native of Trinidad with a right in the opening three minutes and appeared to have him on the brink of a stoppage in the second. But Alexander, 20-10-1, got himself together and began backing up the surprised Horne by the fourth. Coming out for Round Six, Horne walked into a perfect right hand to the jaw and was suddenly crawling on his hands and knees trying to get up. Referee Davey Pearl took one look and called a halt, leaving Horne 23-3-1 with 20 KOs.

Donny Giron, 155, Denver, scored a TKO over Joe Varella, 150, Las Vegas, at 2:01 of the first.

Gerald McClellan, 160, Detroit, stopped Roberto Abondo, 165, at 36 seconds of the first.

Jeff Mayweather, 131, Las Vegas, improved to 5-0-1 with a four-round decision over Manny Gallegos, 131, Nogales, Arizona.

Promoter: Banner Promotions.
(11-22-88)

JACK WELSH

MOORER – HASSAN
WBO Light Heavyweight Title

BROOKPARK, OHIO — Michael Moorer, 174¼, Monessen, Pennsylvania, captured the vacant WBO and Continental Americas light heavyweight crowns with a fifth-round stoppage of Ramzi Hassan, 175, Jordan via San Diego.

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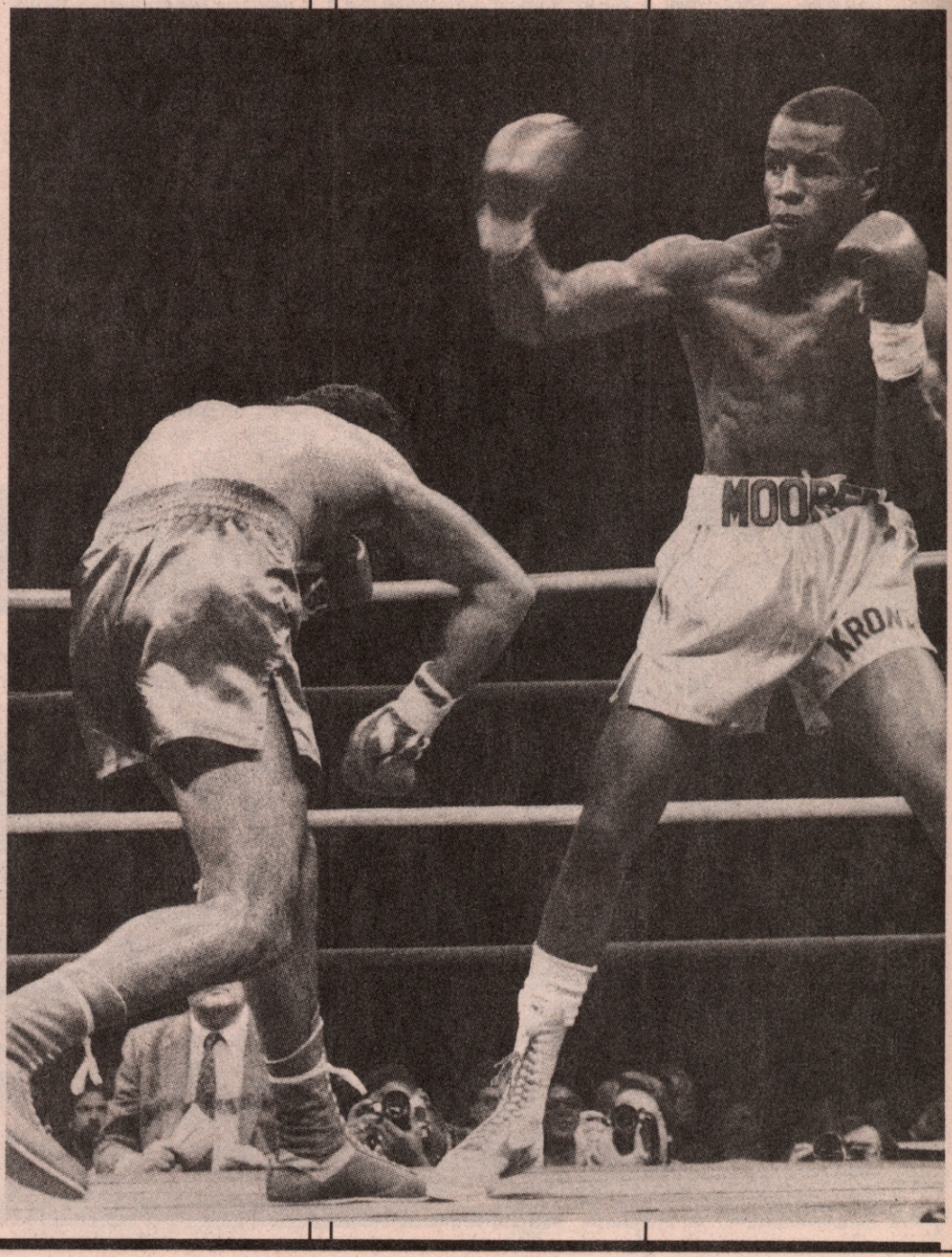

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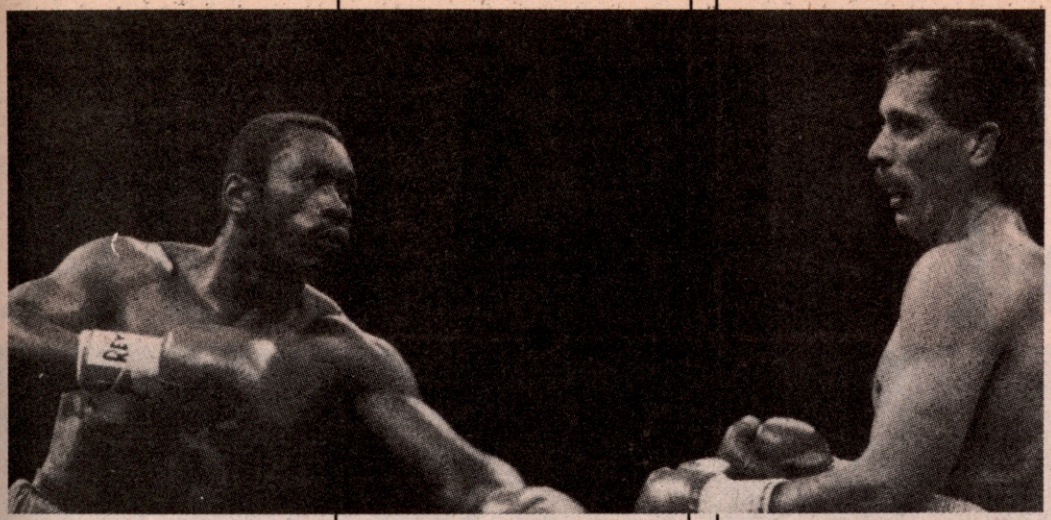

evenly contested through the first four rounds. In the fifth, however, a wicked right uppercut by Moorer staggered Hassan, who fell against the ropes. A follow-up flurry left him out on his feet when referee Dale Grable intervened at 2:37.

The knockout was the 12th straight for the unbeaten 21-year-old southpaw, who fights out of Detroit's Kronk Stable.

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Hot prospect Gerald McClellan, 169, Detroit, demolished Jerome Kelly, 162, Akron, in less than a round. A booming right hand dropped Kelly and referee Grable waved off the scheduled eight without a count, the finish coming at just 1:52.

Adam Garland, 160, Detroit, scored a fourth-round TKO over Sam Gervins, 157½, Columbus, in a scheduled six. The comebacking Gervins was making Garland look bad with some crafty counterpunching, but three knockdowns in the fourth, all from body shots, caused referee Tillman to call a halt at 1:14.

Debuting southpaw Philipi Marten, 141¾, Detroit, won a unanimous four-round decision over Sebastian Wilburn, 139, Benton Harbor, Michigan, all cards reading 20-17. Ref, Grable.

In an outstanding action battle, Carl Griffith, 138½, Lorain, scored a unanimous four-round decision over Johnny Almaguer, 139, San Diego. Almaguer was down briefly in the third of this see-saw Pier-sixer. Patterson scored 19-16, Figley, 20-16, and Lee, 20-15. Ref, Tillman.

Promoter: John Giachetti/TKO Productions.

Matchmaker: Tom Vacca.

Timekeeper: George Whitbread.

Announcer: Jack Reynolds.

Attendance: 1,500 (est.).

(12-3-88)

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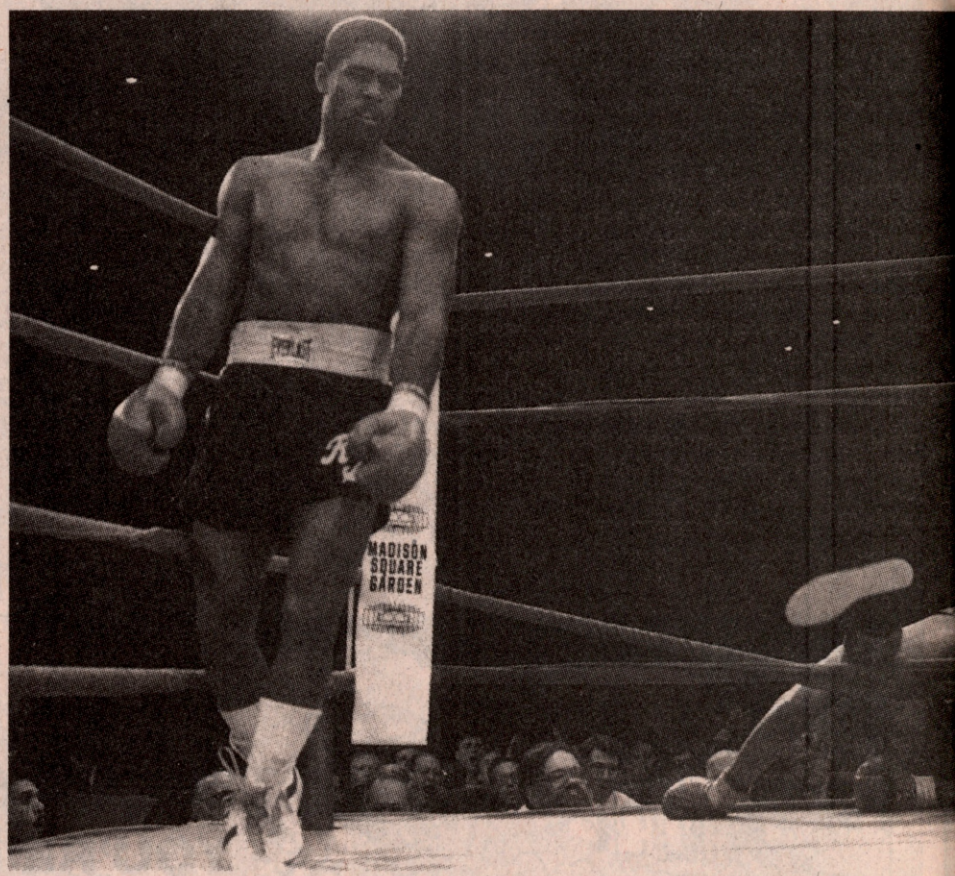

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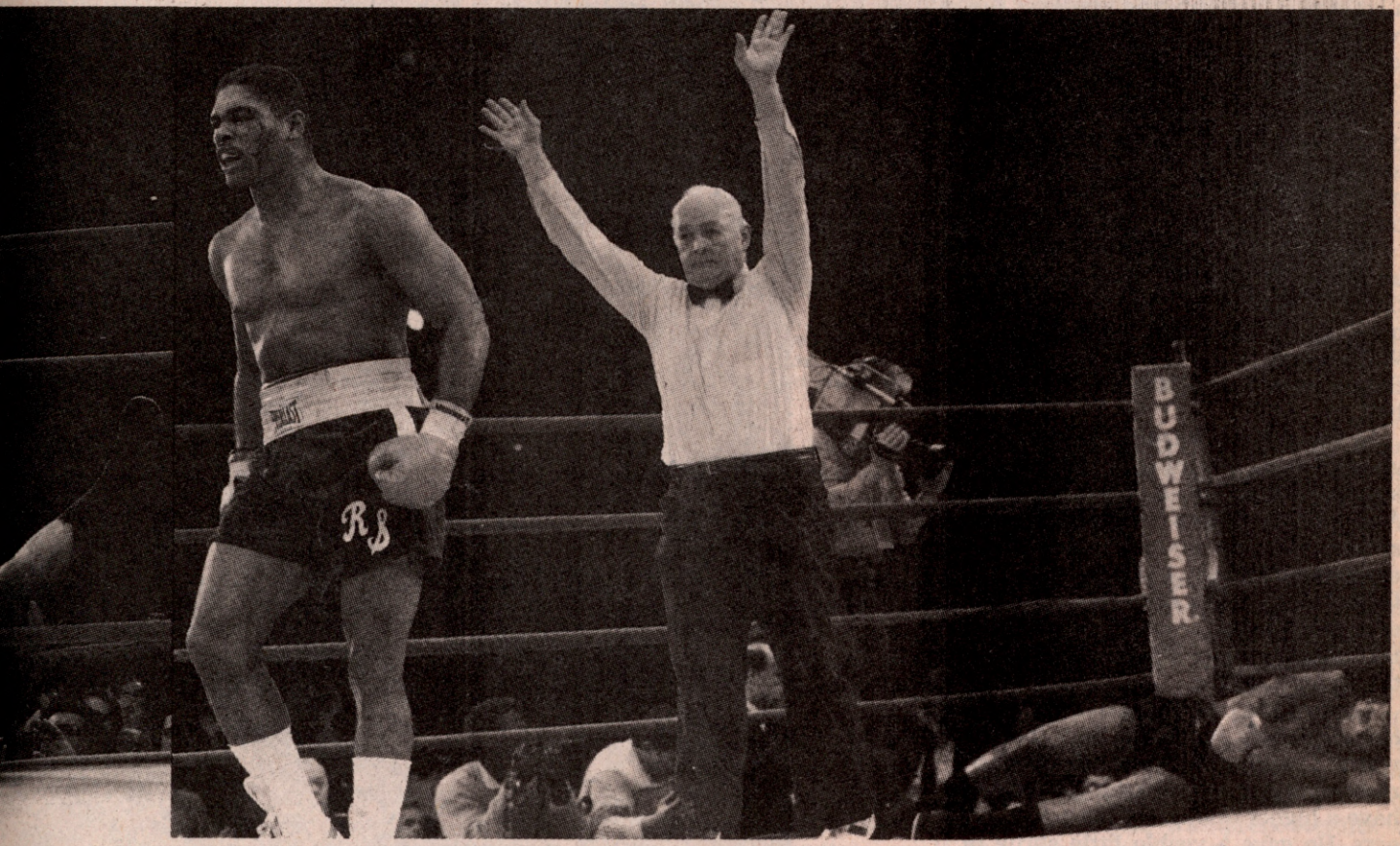

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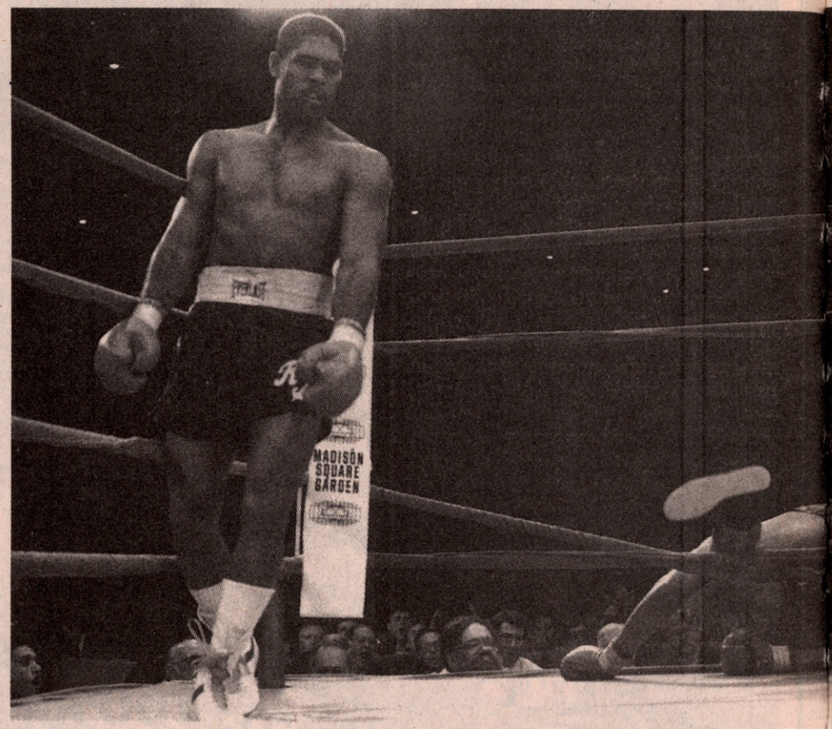

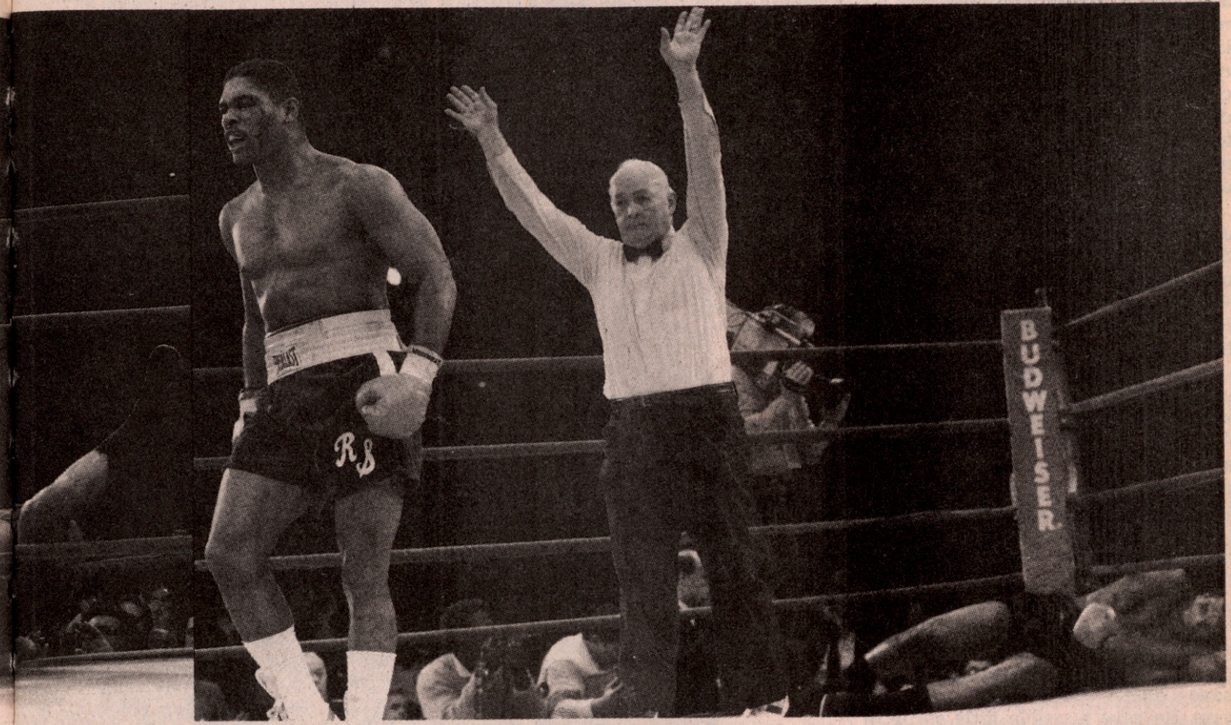

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it when he's in trouble. If it had been any other fighter, I'd have said the whole thing was over. Snipes looked horrible. He was bleeding all over, staggering around, and obviously fairly shattered psychologically as well. This palooka with the 9-3 record was simply knocking the sawdust out of him. But since it was Snipes, I figured, the fight wasn't a done deal yet.

Sure enough, midway through the third, Washington staggers Snipes with a big right hand, draping him over the ropes. Washington waltzes in for the kill — and Snipes, pushing off from rubbery legs, launches a thermo-nuclear device at Washington's left mandible. There's a loud crash, and the fellow who'd been winning going away is now halfway through the ropes and flat on his face.

The rest of the round was as good as it gets. Snipes did his damndest to finish Washington off, but couldn't quite do it. And then back stormed Washington, slugging away and leaving Snipes more than a little wobbly at the bell.

In the fourth, Washington resumed giving Snipes a beating as though that knockdown had been only a bad joke. And indeed, Snipes began staggering around the ring again. But this time, everyone could see it was an act. He'd fooled Washington once, but this time even Washington was too smart to fall for Snipes' overwrought impression of the Dying Captive.

Toward the end of the fourth round, Snipes caught on to the fact that he wasn't kidding anyone. He looked rather put out that Washington didn't have a higher opinion of his acting talents. He gave a visible little shrug of disgust, dropped his act instantly, and with a brisk right-left-right-left he cut Washington down as he would fell a tree, leaving some of us to wonder if he'd been able to do that all along, why'd he give himself so much trouble in the first couple of rounds? Anyway, it was the most fun the boys in the press rows had had in months.

Most Fun Round: Had to be the fourth round of the above-mentioned Barkley-Olajide match. That was a pretty good fight, except that I hated to see Olajide get creased up like that, and it was the fourth round that made the difference. Barkley had been pounding on Olajide pretty good for the first three rounds, and it looked like Michael was going to go bye-bye whenever Barkley decided to send him there. And if things had happened just like that, it would have been far too one-sided to have been considered worth watching at all. But for just one second, in that fourth round, it was a competitive bout. Barkley was on the offensive, as usual; Olajide was showing nothing, which is what he had been showing, when out of nowhere comes this big old boomer of a right hand that puts Barkley in a heap at Michael's feet. Iran was up at the count of one, and his attack was stemmed only for as long as the referee took to wipe his gloves — he stopped Olajide in the next round, in fact — but that fourth round was like something out of a really bad movie. It was fun; that was all there was to it.

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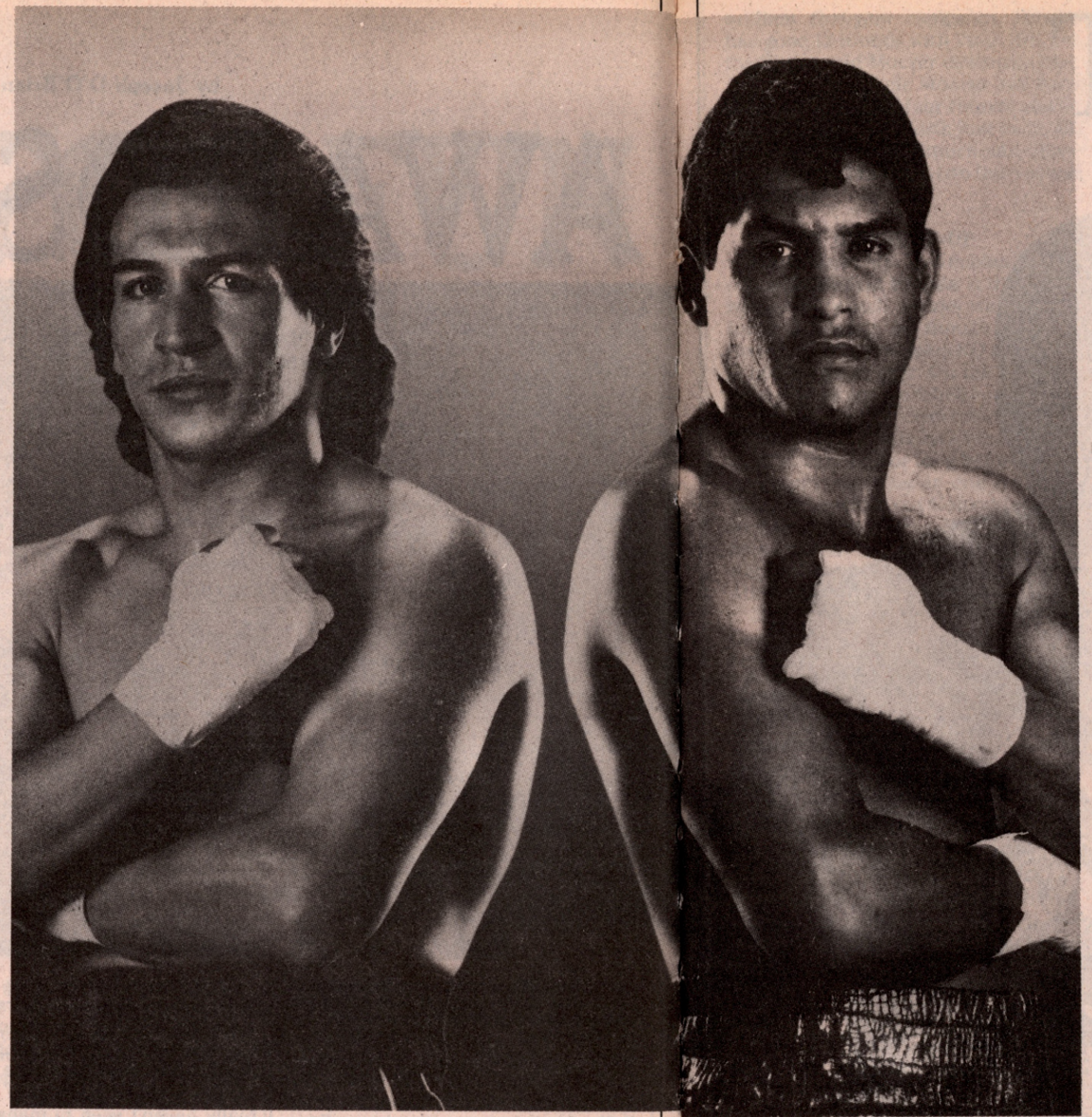

Most Fun Organization: There are about as many of these as there are fighters, so I think it's about time we started giving awards to them, too. This year, the award goes to those zany, madcap guys at the World Boxing Organization (WBO), the very newest of the movers and shakers. A few years ago, I threw up my hands in disgust every time another of these organizations cropped up. Now, I'm just amused.

But I give an award to the WBO because at this point I think the operative phrase is, "The more, the merrier." I really don't give a damn what edicts the WBO hands down as opposed to those of the other organizations. They can legalize the use of 12-gauge shotguns in the ring, for all I care. I am glad they came along, though. Soon there'll be another alphabet group, and another, and another, and finally, they will devour one another, leaving only tales behind.

(I recently read a rumor, by the way, that the WBO will sanction the Hector Camacho – Ray Mancini morality play as a title bout. That's good. Next week, I'll form my own organization, pay some street bum to come into Gramercy gym and let me pound on him a little, and claim the heavyweight championship of the world. It comes to the same thing).

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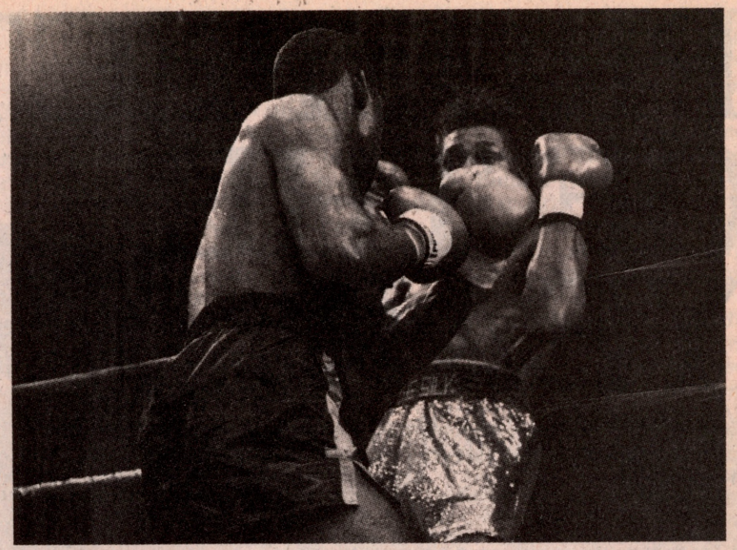

Iran Barkley (left) has Michael Olajide on the ropes during the fourth round of their thrilling encounter at the Felt Forum. The see-saw session won Joe D'O'Brian's "Most Fun Round of the Year" award. Barkley also pulled down "Most Fun Fighter" honors.

Most Fun Commentator: Easy. Remember, "Dis kinda t'ing really pisses me off!"? I'd be mighty pleased if Kevin Rooney were to show up on my TV screen every week, on ESPN or SportsChannel where he could get away with a little more than he could on a major network. For once, here's a guy who not only knows what he's talking about, but who is willing to say what's on his mind. And more of what's on his mind. And not a single word's worth of the pious, meaningless platitudes that we hear from so many other commentators. I'd almost hire him to sit in my living room and tell me what's going on.

Most Fun Outrage: Ordinarily, when something truly unjust and awful happens in the ring, you feel bad inside. You're angry; you want to kick the referee; you want to get as drunk as possible; you never want to see another bleeping fight as long as you live. But the boxing at the 1988 Olympics was a different matter altogether. Yes, the entire spectacle was preposterous. I have never seen — or even dreamed of — such an intense concentration of incompetence, stupidity, corruption, hideous mockeries of the spirit of the Olympics, and just plain revolting behavior in one place at one time. It left me absolutely dumbfounded.

But, sad to say, after a while it left me laughing, too. Every torturer knows that there comes a point at which his patient ceases to feel any pain, and instead becomes fascinated — even amused — by the punishment he's taking. That's what happened to me when I watched the Olympics. It was like smoking a joint and watching the Three Stooges. I'll say this for it, though: It gave these poor amateur kids a little taste of what pro boxing is going to be like. □

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PROSPECT OF THE YEAR

MOORER BRIGHTENS LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT PICTURE

THAT *THE RING's* "PROSPECT OF THE Year" is already considered a world champion in some circles could be viewed as a statement on the watered-down condition of our sport. Or, it could be viewed as a statement on the talent possessed by Michael Moorer.

Actually, it is both.

After Moorer rang up his 12th straight win, all inside the distance, by stopping Ramzi Hassan in five rounds, skipper Emanuel Steward informed the world that the WBO had recognized the scheduled 12 as a world title fight! And a new organization has formed recognizing Michael Dukakis as President. Even Moorer seemed to get a chuckle out of it.

Surely, Moorer must still be considered a prospect. But what a prospect. The lanky lefty, a fan of Marvelous Marvin Hagler, started his career March 4, but it won't be long before he does make his mark in the light heavyweight class.

Moorer gained plenty of experience as a National AAU champ, and it has shown in his rapid development as a pro. *The Ring's* Michigan correspondent Tom Paruszkiewicz was on the new Kronk star from the beginning, writing, "Moorer can do the deed with either hand and his ring generalship and poise are textbook quality." And Jeff Carlson, *The Ring's* Illinois correspondent, wrote, "Moorer is as poised a fighter as I've seen in this point in a career. He's patient, persistent and deals out punishment."

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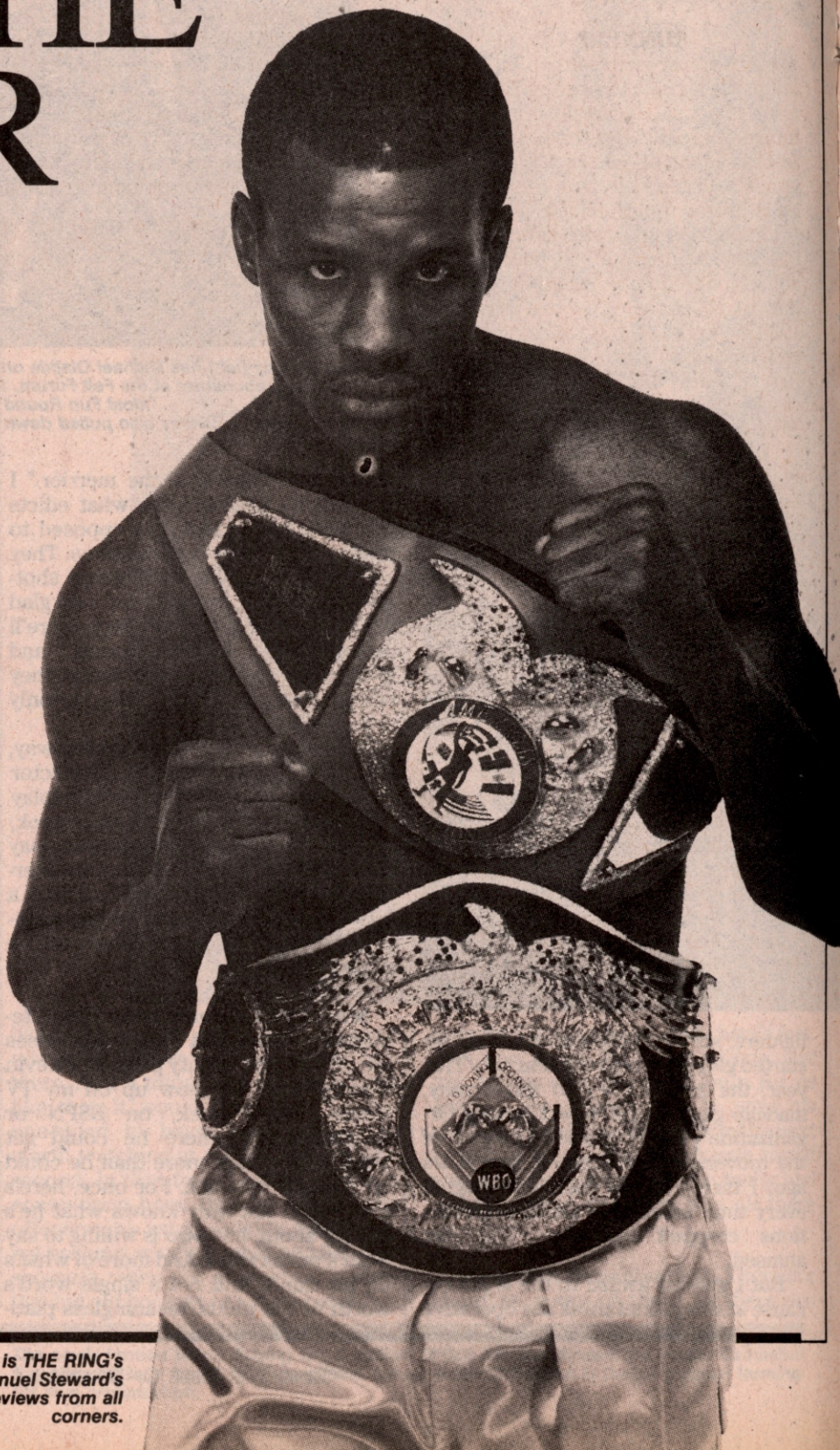


Unbeaten light heavyweight Michael Moorer is THE RING's Prospect of the Year for 1988. A member of Emanuel Steward's Kronk stable, Moorer has received rave reviews from all corners.

brilliant first-year campaign. Hassan had gone 12 rounds with Virgil Hill, but the 21-year-old Moorer destroyed him. It was the first time Moorer had been required to go past four rounds and he had been into the fourth just once. He has five first-round knockouts, three second-round KOs and two third-round stoppages.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-up: Colombian knockout artist **Rafael Pineda** is this year's runner-up, which speaks well for the future of boxing. But though the undefeated Pineda possesses KO power, he is not a wild slugger. On the contrary, he is poised and polished.

Pineda recently celebrated his 23rd birthday. At the rate he's been scoring wins, it shouldn't be long before he has that many victories. In one stretch in 1988, he knocked out Colombian lightweight champ Carlos Mantilla in the first round in Barranquilla, then stopped Juan Manija in five rounds in Atlantic City just two weeks later.

2nd Runner-up: While **Louie Lomeli** of Melrose Park, Illinois, may be considered past the prospect stage by some, he has yet to crack *The Ring* ratings, therefore can still be considered an up-and-comer.

The Illinois lightweight champ is an aggressive slugger, who had posted a 23-0, 19 KOs, record at press time. One of his 1988 wins was a slambang affair over highly regarded John Duplessis. Wouldn't a match with Pineda be fun?

HONORABLE MENTIONS

While most experts will tell you Moorer is the future of the light heavyweight division, a small pocket of dissenters exists, particularly in the Cleveland area where **Donnell Wingfield** has drawn comparisons to Joe Louis and picked up the nickname "The Bronze Bomber." Extremely strong for a light heavyweight, the unbeaten 22-year-old is an aggressive battler with good sock, a perfect crowd-pleaser.

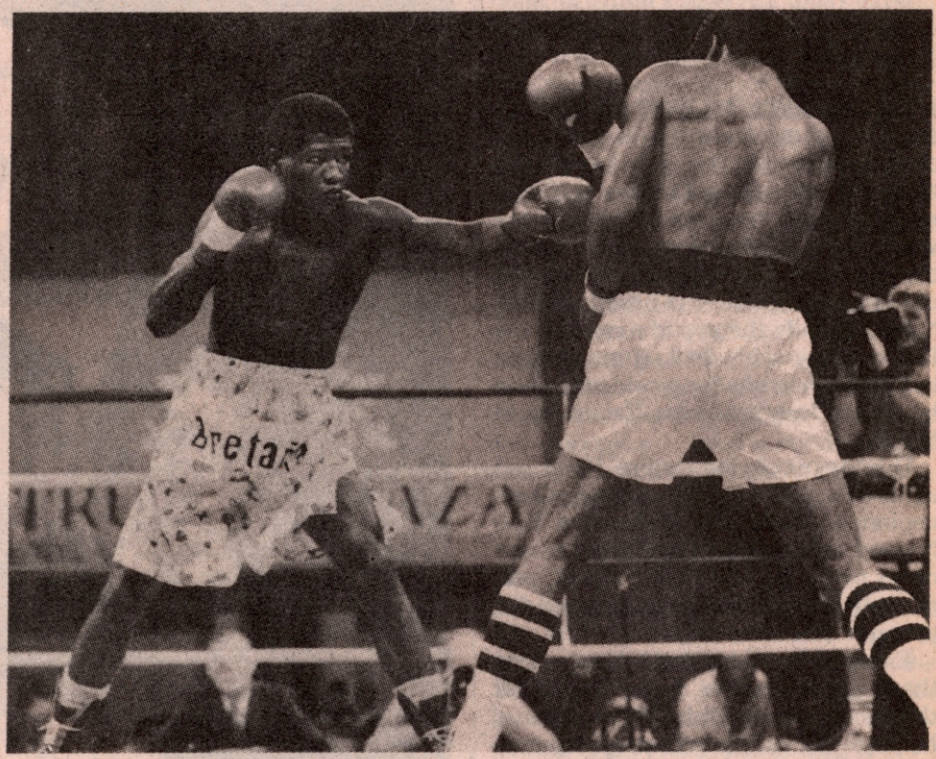
Others considered for "Prospect of the Year" and fighters to be watched for 1989 include Michigan college student **Mike Johnson**, a welterweight who upset last year's "Prospect of the Year," Engels Pedroza, by a nine-round TKO... Irish middleweight champ, unbeaten **Steve Collins**, who is building a following in Massachusetts ... Also unbeaten, California flyweight/bantamweight **Ricky Romero**... New Jersey featherweight **Harold Rhodes** was stopped in two of his first three bouts, but came back strong in 1988 to notch some impressive wins, including pastings of highly touted Billy Young and Ralph Reyes ... California lightweight **David Gonzales** is once-beaten, but has to come back from tragedy as Rico Velasquez died defending his California title against Gonzales ... Mexican bantamweight **Jose Juan Xool** was held to a draw but remains unbeaten and promising ... The 15-3 record of Californian **Paul Banke** doesn't look that impressive, but his performance in winning the Inglewood Forum Super Bantamweight Tournament marked him as one to watch ... From the Orient, we have Thailand bantamweight prospect **Thanomsak Sithbaobay**, who had 12 KOs in a 22-1 record at press time ... Garden heavyweight hope **Alex Stewart**, all wins, all KOs, could be the real thing, but has a long way to go.

Perhaps overshadowed by his Kronk stablemate Moorer, **John David Jackson**, a transplanted Philadelphia southpaw middleweight, deserves attention. Unbeaten, Jackson stopped Lupe Aquino to cap off the year. And Detroit also houses unbeaten featherweight **Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson.**

And, South American correspondent Ricardo F. Solana informs us that **Jorge Fernando (Rona) Castro**, a middleweight from Argentina, comes to us straight from the mold that gave us Juan Roldan. Castro has had 30 bouts in 23 months, winning 28, 20 by KO, with two draws, both of which came early in his career against Jorge Morello. "He is a street fighter who hits very hard," said Solana.

Another power-punching middleweight prospect in Salt Lake City's exciting **Karama Leota**, who has been described as a miniature Mike Tyson. Already familiar to many cable fans, Leota lost his pro bow and hasn't lost since. And there have been few dull moments along the way.

And, of course, 1988 was an Olympic year, and, as usual, The Games gave us prospects galore. The United States outlook was covered in the January, 1989 issue. Italy's **Giovanni Parisi**, gold medalist at featherweight, Kenyan welterweight **Robert Wanglia** and Canadian heavyweight **Lennox Lewis** are also names from the Olympics to watch for in 1989. □



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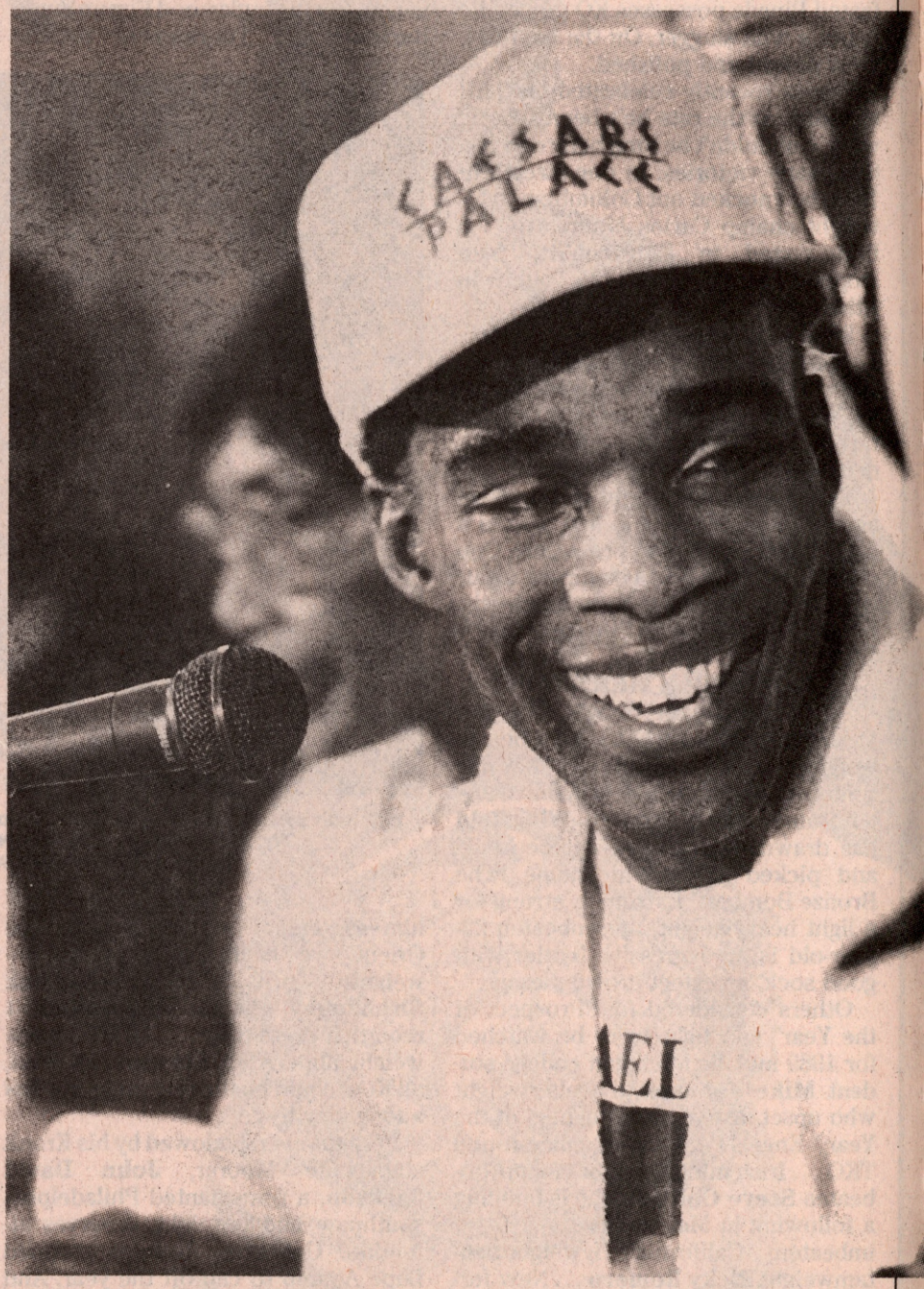
Colombia's Rafael Pineda (left) on his way to a fifth-round kayo over Juan Manija in Atlantic City. The hard-punching lightweight is THE RING's 1st Runner-up in the Prospect of the Year category.

MOST PROGRESS

MICHAEL NUNN: RISING STAR IN THE WESTERN SKY



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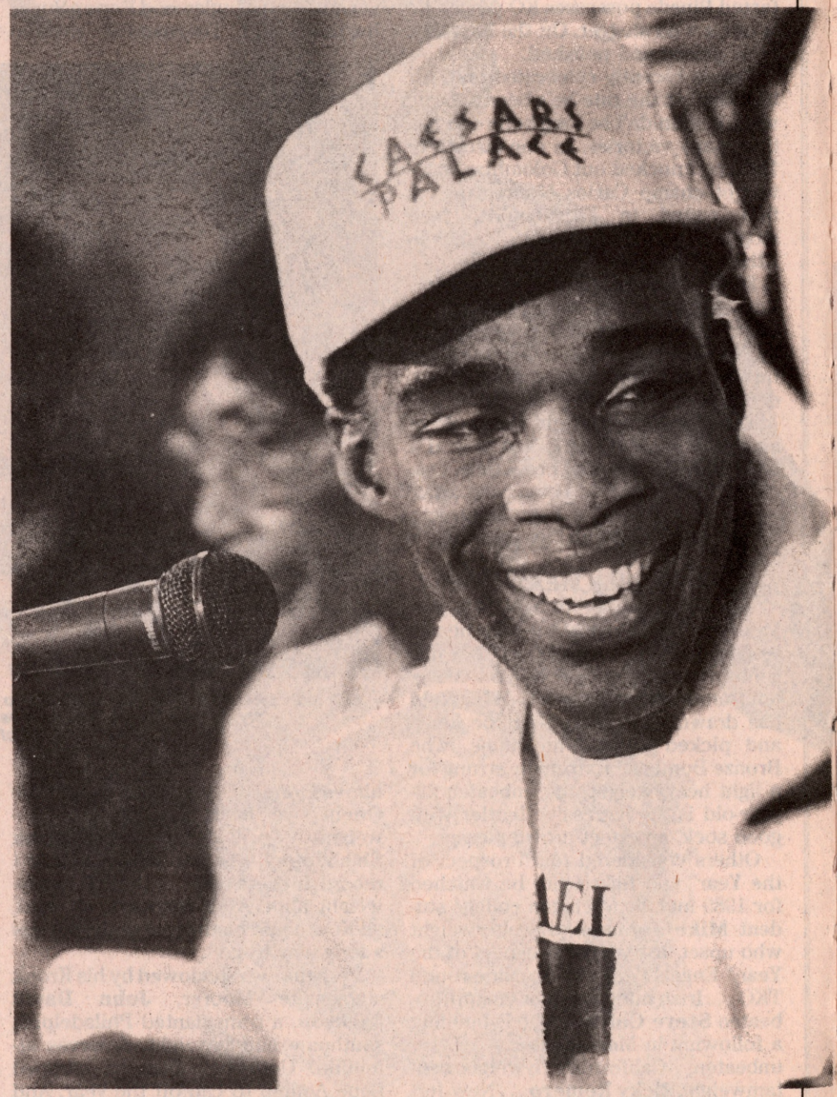

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Orient. On the other hand, **Yong-Kang Kim** was virtually unknown outside his native Korea. Nevertheless, when they clashed for Chitalada's title this past July in Pohang, Kim, a 10-1 underdog, shocked the boxing world with a unanimous 12-round decision over the weight-weakened Chitalada. Just to prove his title-winning performance wasn't a complete fluke the 23-year-old Kim (18-0 with seven KOs) closed the year with a decision over Emil "Matsumura" Romano for his first defense.

3rd Runner-up: Not too many gave **Robert Hines** (24-1-2 with 16 KOs) much of a chance when he challenged murderous-punching Matthew Hilton for the IBF junior middleweight title. After all, despite apparent skill and a decent record, the Philadelphian had battled drug abuse as well as several lengthy layoffs during his basically club-fighting career. And wasn't Hilton one of boxing's brightest — and hardest punching — young stars? But when the dust settled and the blood was washed away, Hines was the new titleholder. It just goes to prove again that you can never underestimate those Philly fighters.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Let's take a brief look, division by division, at some of the other boxers who have made meaningful progress over the past 12 months, the kind of progress which has made an impact on both their careers and boxing in general:

The only heavyweight who made significant strides up *The Ring's* rankings in '88 is Brazil's **Adilson Rodrigues** (32-2 with 25 KOs). Evander Holyfield was already No. 1 this time last year. But Rodrigues has gradually crept up the ratings by doing something very few other heavyweights seem willing to do — fight on a regular basis. Now under the guidance of Angelo Dundee, Rodrigues seems to be hitting his stride, and with the tremendous support Rodrigues enjoys at home, Mike Tyson might make a quick stop in Rio some time this year. It should be easy money for "Iron Mike," but at least Rodrigues is earning his opportunity to get flattened by flattening other guys.

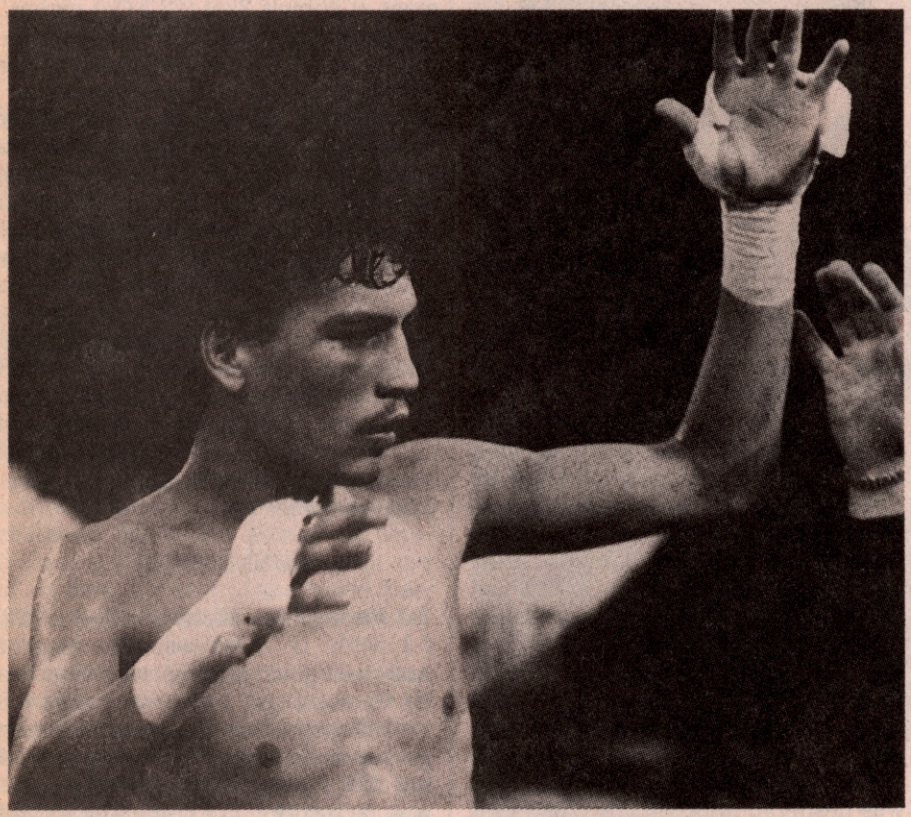
Among the light heavyweights, **Tony Willis** (17-0 with 13 KOs) is the lone bright spot among relative newcomers. A series of victories over decent opposition during '88 has placed him in an excellent position to challenge for one of the three (or is that four?) so-called world titles available at 175 pounds.

We may as well skip right over the middleweight class. While there's plenty of talent in the division, no new face other than Nunn has emerged to warrant mention here. Practically the same can be said for the welters, with the possible exception of **Tomas Molinares** (24-0 with 21 KOs), who "progressed" his way to the WBA belt with an infamous after-the-bell kayo of Marlon Starling. Previously unheralded **Anthony Jones** (20-1-1 with 10 KOs) crashed the lightweight ranks with an upset decision over Primo Ramos and followed up with a solid win over Cubanito Perez. However, maybe the most dramatic entry into the lightweight picture was made by Sacramento's **Tony "The Tiger" Lopez**, who upset Rocky Lockridge for the IBF 130-pound crown in an epic slugfest. Lopez (31-1 with 22 KOs) rounded out '88 with a successful defense over John John Molina in another thriller.

Previously obscure Mexican fighters had a big impression on the featherweight division. **Jorge Paez** (28-2-1) lifted the IBF title from highly favored Calvin Grove in a wild encounter held in a Mexicali bullring. Some say the 15-round decision in Paez's favor was also full of bull, but the rugged Paez scored three knockdowns in the final frame and the belt changed hands. Another Mexican who put himself in position to challenge Antonio Esparragoza for the world 126-pound championship was **Juan Jose Estrada** (33-7 with 27 KOs), who edged Bernardo Pinango for the WBA junior featherweight bauble.

The most dramatic leap into prominence among the bantamweights was made by still another Mexican dynamo, **Raul Perez** (42-1-1 with 28 KOs). Known as "Jibaro" ("Mountain Man" in Spanish), Perez unseated previously undefeated Miguel "Happy" Lora for the WBC 118-pound title. Lora had reigned since August of 1985, and his defeat at the hands of Perez was quite a shocker.

England's **Duke McKenzie** (21-0 with 11 KOs) entered the flyweight championship derby with an impressive 11th-round TKO over Rolando Bohol for the IBF 112-pound title, proving that good things, especially if you're a boxing Brit, often come in small packages. □



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FIGHT OF THE YEAR

Tony "The Tiger" Grrrreat Against Rocky

by **Phill Marder**

YOU WON'T SEE MANY "SMALL" FIGHTS on national television. Since the tube invaded our homes, ABC, CBS and NBC have televised boxing under the presumption the heavier the fighters, the heavier the ratings.

Boxing purists have long argued that smaller fighters, lightweight or below, are more apt to provide non-stop action. But none of the above mentioned networks seems in danger of going out of business, so one must assume they know what they're doing.

However, CBS took a chance on the mighty mites, televising the Rocky Lockridge/Tony Lopez IBF junior lightweight title fight July 23. The network

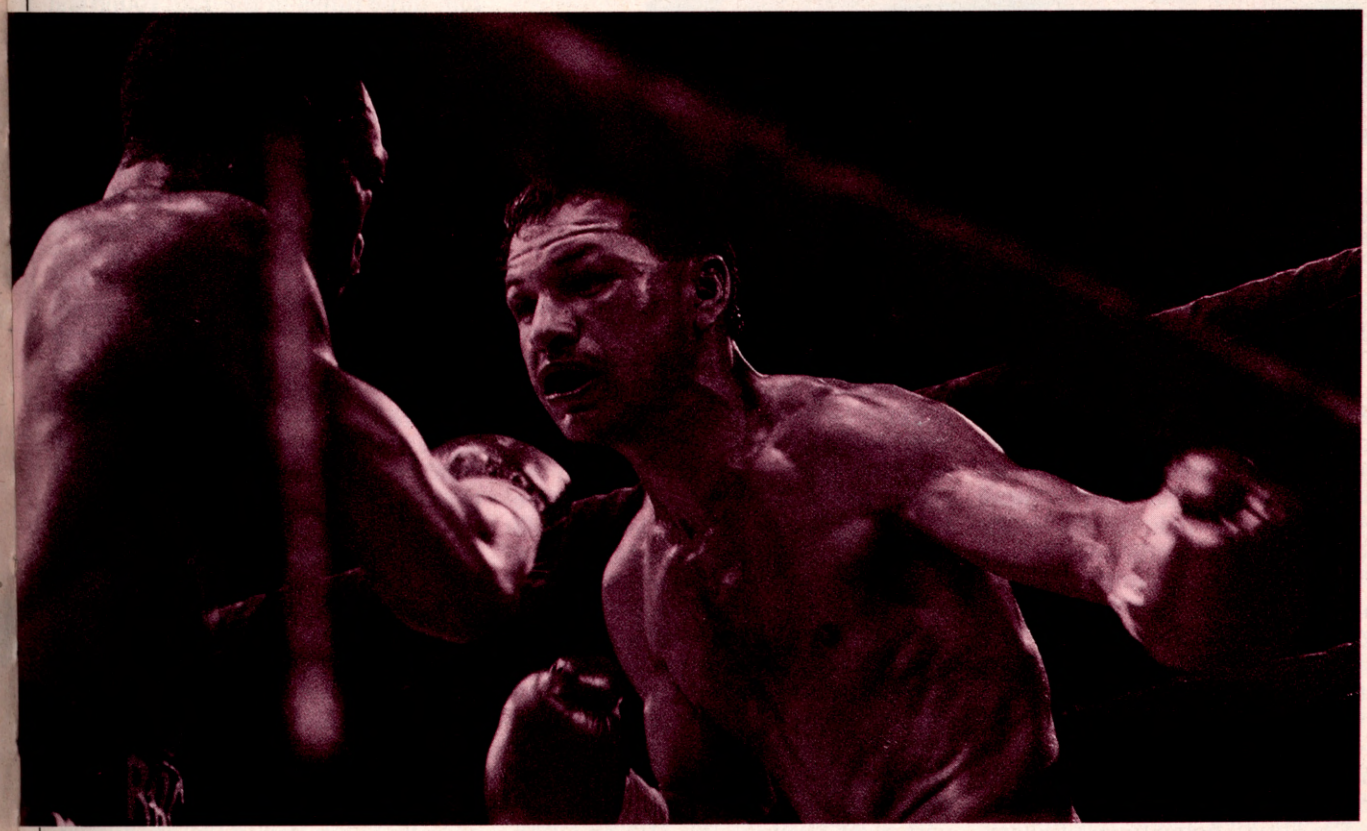

PHOTO BY MICHAEL WILLIAMSON/SACRAMENTO BEE

Tony "The Tiger" Lopez (right) cranks up a left hook as Rocky Lockridge prepares to launch a counter attack. The give-and-take brawl, which saw Lopez capture the IBF junior lightweight crown, won THE RING's Fight of the Year honors for 1988.

was rewarded with 1988's "Fight of the Year." The weight limit may have been 130 pounds, but there was no limit to the action this 12-rounder provided.

And, Lopez and Lockridge continued a trend. Since *The Ring* began designating a "Fight of the Year" in 1945, only eight winners, including this year's, have been bouts at 135 pounds or less. But, five of the last seven winners have been bouts at 135 pounds or less.

Rocky Lockridge had never been in a "Fight of the Year" before, but he had been in some thrillers. While sometimes described as monotonous and even boring, Lockridge never fails to provide action when his opponent is capable of providing a challenge. A regular on TV, Lockridge is familiar to even the casual boxing fan. Less than three months before meeting Lopez, Lockridge had defended his title against Harold Knight in what was, as of November 21, the fourth most watched network fight of the year. Sadly, Lockridge's battle with Lopez didn't even dent the top 10. A lot of people missed seeing a whale of a struggle.

Lopez, an 11-5 underdog, was the question going into this fight. Though 29-1 with 22 KOs, Lopez had never been in a major fight and was a complete unknown to all but the most avid followers of the sport. Thus, the bout was placed in Lopez' home town of Sacramento, where the locals, who were aware of Lopez' talents, packed the Arco Arena to cheer on Lopez' quest to become the first Sacramento-born fighter to win a world title.

Knight had been a disappointment against Lockridge, but the New Jersey veteran met his match with Lopez. The two went at it from the first bell to the last. At the finish, "Lumpy" would have been a more suitable name for Lockridge, who needed 42 stitches to close his wounds. Lopez will be the first to admit, his face has looked better.

Lopez hurt Lockridge in the second and sixth rounds and each landed good shots with consistency. The action blistered in close and from afar. Lopez seemed to have a slim edge, but Lockridge was always dangerous.

At ringside for *The Ring*, Jim McKay wrote, "Then it happened. Rocky, now bleeding from the cut right eyelid, whistled a lead right that caught Lopez above the left ear, bouncing the challenger off the canvas ... Lopez got up on unsteady legs and Lockridge was anxious to finish him — too anxious. The 29-year-old veteran with a record of 43-6 with 35 KOs came back to the center of the ring too soon and referee Robert Byrd of Los Angeles stopped the count ... Lopez bobbed and weaved off the ropes and held on for the last minute of Round Eight ... Lopez was still wobbly in the ninth, but held his own against the now weary, half-blinded Lockridge. The challenger was fully recovered by Round 10 and took the last three rounds on two of the judges' cards and two of three on the other card, staggering Lockridge with right hands in the 11th and 12th rounds."

McKay also wrote, "... the crowd, chanting 'Tony, Tony, Tony,' throughout, responded by nearly turning the place upside down as the unanimous decision was announced."

The winner was Lopez. But the real winners were those who watched and CBS. What they witnessed was 1988's best fight. It had just one flaw. It was three rounds too short.

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Second Runner-Up for Fight of the Year was Sugar Ray Leonard's ninth-round knockout of Donny Lalonde. Leonard (right) survived a fourth-round knockdown to hand the game Canadian a severe beating.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: Earlier in the year, CBS also brought us the year's first runner-up. But the **Simon Brown/ Tyrone Trice** struggle for the vacant IBF welterweight title from France also, sadly, failed to attract much of a viewing audience.

Trice opened fast and hurt Brown several times in the early rounds. In the second round, Brown was dropped for the first time in his career by a left hook-right combination. But Brown was landing well to the body and started assuming control around the fifth.

Trice continued to trade, providing the match with an endless stream of good exchanges. But Brown dropped him three times in the 12th round and again in the 14th. A final flurry punctuated by a picture-perfect left hook convinced referee Steve Smoger Trice had gone as far as he could.

2nd Runner-Up: Again, the winner came off the canvas. This time, the winner was **Sugar Ray Leonard.** And when Leonard hits the canvas, you've got something special in the making.

The man who put him there was Canadian **Don Lalonde,** whose courageous effort made his battle with Leonard the year's third best fight. A Canadian writer said weeks after Leonard had won the vacant WBC super middleweight title plus Lalonde's WBC light heavy crown that many of his countrymen were disappointed and felt let down by Lalonde. They had never seen him fight, but figured he must be good since he was a "world champion." He didn't match up to their expectations.

But those who had seen Lalonde were impressed with his performance. He isn't a great fighter, but his style meshed perfectly with Leonard's, providing action enough to almost match the drama inherent with any appearance by Sugar Ray.

Leonard was down, cut and hurt in the fourth round and stung on other occasions. In the ninth, Leonard was shook by Lalonde's right, but he rallied back to knock down Lalonde twice, the second time for good. A great conclusion to a great fight.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

It was a tight call between the year's top three bouts, but many other outstanding struggles made the choices even more difficult. Here's a look at some of the year's other outstanding matches that received close consideration for "Fight of the Year" honors.

The Orient wasted little time producing a candidate for top honors as Manila hosted **Rolando Bohol's** bid for **Chang-Ho Choi's** IBF flyweight title January 16. The local emerged with the crown via a split decision despite a swollen right eye and a bad cut on his forehead. *The Ring's* Joe Koizumi wrote, "... the bout became a total war with each warned for low blows, butts and hitting after the bell ... When the 15th round ended, the crowd produced a thunderous roar ... it certainly was one of the bloodiest battles in Filipino boxing history."

The very next day, Osaka hosted the WBA bantamweight championship match between titleholder **Wilfredo Vasquez** and challenger **Takuya Muguruma**. After 12 bitterly fought rounds, the result was a draw and Koizumi, wrote, "There were no knockdowns, but it was total war."

In April, Atlantic City, and CBS, gave us **Lupe Aquino's** 10-round majority decision over **Milton McCrory**. *The Ring's* J.R. Jowett, at ringside, wrote, "... the only pattern in this fight was the unexpected." McCrory was down and bloodied in the second, but got back into the fight the next two rounds. In the fifth, he was decked again. And again, McCrory fought back to take control. Aquino would not be denied, though, and his blistering barrage forced McCrory to take a standing count in the eighth.

May saw Mexican **Daniel Zaragoza** barely keep his WBC super bantamweight title with a draw against Korea's **Seung-Hoon Lee** in Korea. Koizumi covered the bout, writing, "... the two were exhausted after exchanging blows throughout the contest. Some 5,000 spectators believed the more aggressive Lee had won, and several pamphlets were thrown into the ring as fans expressed their dissent. It could have been a riot, but the people remembered that the Olympic Games were only 3½ months away and tried to remain gentlemanlike as not to spoil the reputation of Korean fans." Must have been different fans at the Olympics.

It wasn't even a fight, but **Mike Tyson's** blitz of **Michael Spinks** in June must also be mentioned as it was certainly boxing's "Event of the Year."

Also in June, **Roger Mayweather** turned back the stubborn challenge of veteran **Harold Brazier** to retain his WBC super lightweight title. *The Ring's* Jack Welsh wrote, "In a matchup that had the house screaming through the final six rounds, there were no knockdowns ... The crowd roared in the 12th as the two spent fighters desperately tried for a knockout." And aren't some fights worth rematches?

The same month gave us **Iran Barkley's** stunning knockout of **Thomas Hearns** for the WBC middleweight belt. Wrote Welsh, "... Hearns, totally in control during the first eight minutes of combat, would suddenly find himself in the twilight zone compliments of two smashing rights from the fists of Barkley ... How many seers foresaw the sight of the 'Hit Man' twisted on the lower strand, with those trademark arms flailing back over the ring apron at the Las Vegas Hilton Center where 8,541 spectators reacted like a convention of mutes?" Few battles of 1988 produced such a quick and shocking finish.

The heat continued in July, **Orlando Canizales** winning the IBF bantamweight title from a gutsy **Kelvin Seabrooks** on a 15-round TKO. Canizales had Seabrooks down in the first, but, as Jowett reported, "... the champion hadn't quit after many discouraging early losses in a 25-13 career and wasn't about to now." Though Canizales had a comfortable edge, Jowett wrote, "... both jumped to the attack in the final round as if victory was on the line." Canizales didn't settle for a decision.

On a slightly lower plateau, **Gary Hinton**, down and cut, edged **Dexter Smith** in a Florida 10 and **Saoul Mamby** handed **Glenwood Brown** his first defeat in a Madison Square Garden 10. Florida correspondent Ken Knox wrote of the Hinton/Smith affair, "The crowd was on its feet, roaring in appreciation of the sizzling action ... The pace remained ferocious to the end of the fight." Jowett called the veteran Mamby's win, "one helluva terrific fight ... The last two rounds were two of the finest rounds ever fought in this ring ..."

August in Mexico produced a scorcher when **Jorge Paez** dropped **Calvin Grove** three times in the 15th round to win a disputed decision and Grove's IBF featherweight title. Though Grove pretty much dominated the bout, the wild finish and the resulting controversy over the scoring made this one of the year's more memorable contests. It also may have been the last 15 round fight.

In September, **Louie Espinoza** survived a pounding to come from behind to stop **Pedro Decima** in the eighth. Decima, who had never been down, built a commanding lead, but Espinoza, fighting for the second time in less than a week, dropped him three times in the eighth for the win. Welsh made the call, writing, "As the rounds wore on, Espinoza, out of Phoenix, was facing an uphill struggle down the stretch ... Rocked in the second and third rounds, Espinoza remained willing to counter and began to alter the tempo of the fight in the sixth round, landing with combinations to the head despite picking up a cut on the left eye."

The same month, on the undercard of Roger Mayweather's win over Rodolfo Gonzales, **Genaro Leon** and **Young Dick Tiger** clobbered each other for 10 rounds, Leon winning a majority decision that brought a shower of money into the ring of the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The pattern was simple. Leon would stagger Tiger, who would then rally back to hurt his rival.

As the year drew to a close, there was no lack of action. **Hearns** and **James Kinchen** went 12 torrid frames, Hearns winning a disputed nod. This one started in typical Hearns fashion ... bombs away. If the action of the last six rounds matched the first six, this would have been a stronger contender for top honors. Still, these two veterans produced a memorable matchup.

Finally, **Robert Hines** survived several knockdowns to hand **Matthew Hilton** his first loss. The unbeaten Hilton slugged the Philadelphia southpaw around and about over the opening frames and Hines was bruised and battered. But Hilton started running out of steam, and Hines gained momentum, turning an apparent Hilton win into an upset, and comfortable, decision.

A bang-up year, 1988. The new year has a tough act to follow. □

FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

TYSON OVERCOMES PERSONAL PROBLEMS TO UNIFY HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

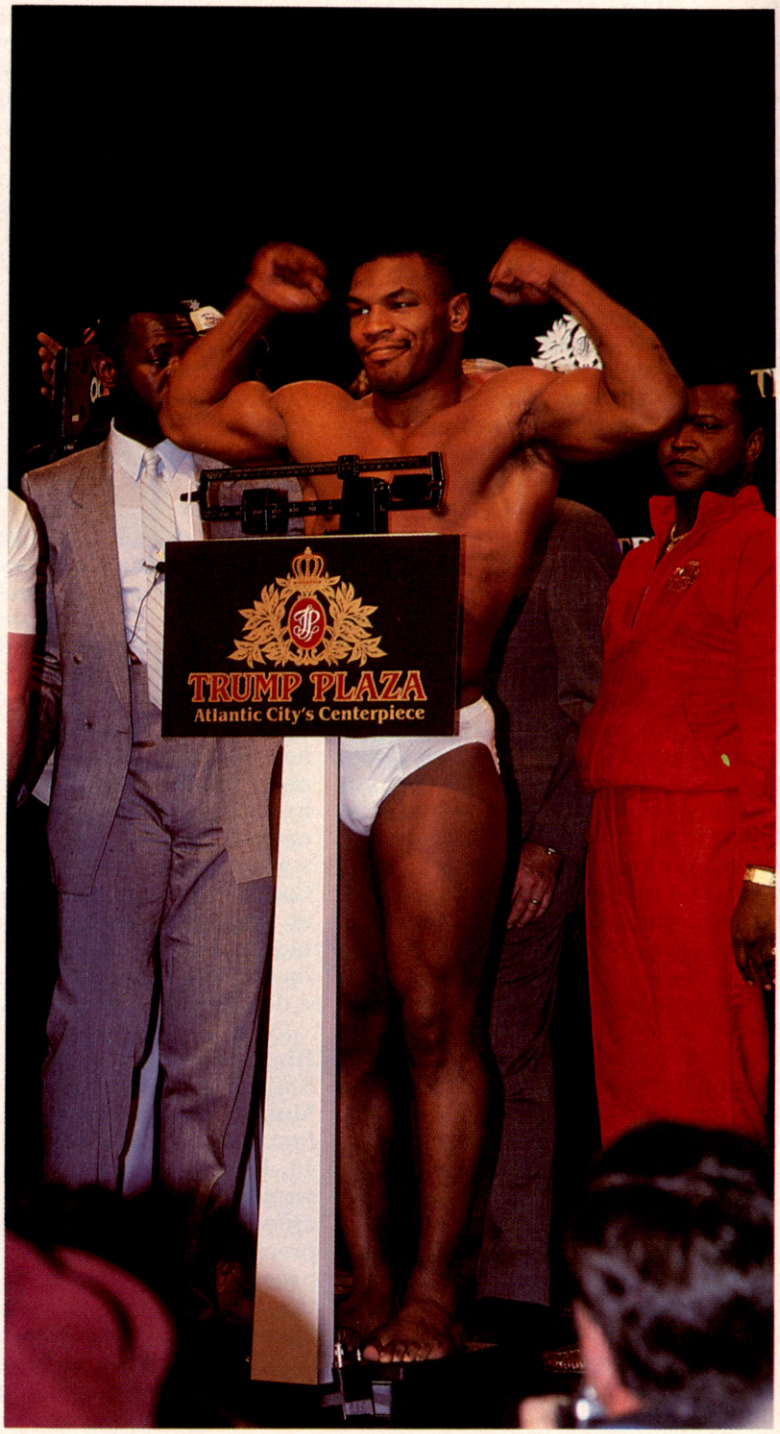
by Nigel Collins

THOUGH MIKE TYSON'S TOUGHEST battles of 1988 took place outside the ring, his performances inside the squared circle were still impressive enough to earn him Fighter of the Year honors for the second time since he turned pro in March of '85.

It is doubtful Iron Mike will look back on '88 as one of the best years of his life. In many ways the past 12 months have been a living hell. In fact, the prize ring has been just about the only place the heavyweight champion has had any relief from the chaos which has characterized his life.

Actually, things looked fantastic for Tyson when the New Year dawned. He was already a multi-millionaire and one of the most popular athletes in the world. The rich and famous courted him, beautiful women threw themselves at his feet. There seemed no limit to what he could achieve. Then, piece by piece, everything started to come unglued.

While there were rumors of domestic trouble brewing soon after his marriage to TV starlet Robin Givens, the first serious bummer was the death of co-manager and long-time friend Jim



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Mike Tyson weighs in for his historic encounter with Michael Spinks in Atlantic City. Tyson is THE RING's Fighter of the Year for 1988.

Jacobs. After that, it was all downhill. The problems on the homefront intensified and Tyson soon began making more headlines in the gossip columns and supermarket tabloids than on the sports page.

At first, Tyson's ring career was not affected by all the distractions. His initial outing of '88 was against Larry Holmes, January 22 in Atlantic City.

While the old ex-champ really had no business coming out of retirement to face Tyson, it was one of those inevitable matches that boxing just can't seem to avoid. There were even a few folks who thought Grandpa Holmes might give him a tussle. Of course, they were dead wrong. The erstwhile Easton Assassin stayed out of harm's way for a few rounds, but fell apart when Tyson landed a series of deadly right hands in the fourth. By 2:55 of the round, Holmes was back in retirement.

Next up was Tony Tubbs. A former WBA titleholder of little distinction, Tubbs was hand-picked by Japanese promoters in the hope he would extend Tyson long enough to do justice to the opening of Tokyo's new domed stadium. Fat chance! The over 50,000 fans who turned up for the event got only a brief glimpse of Iron Mike. Tony, a true tub at 238½, fielded a vicious left hook to the head and went sayonara 2:54 into Round Two.

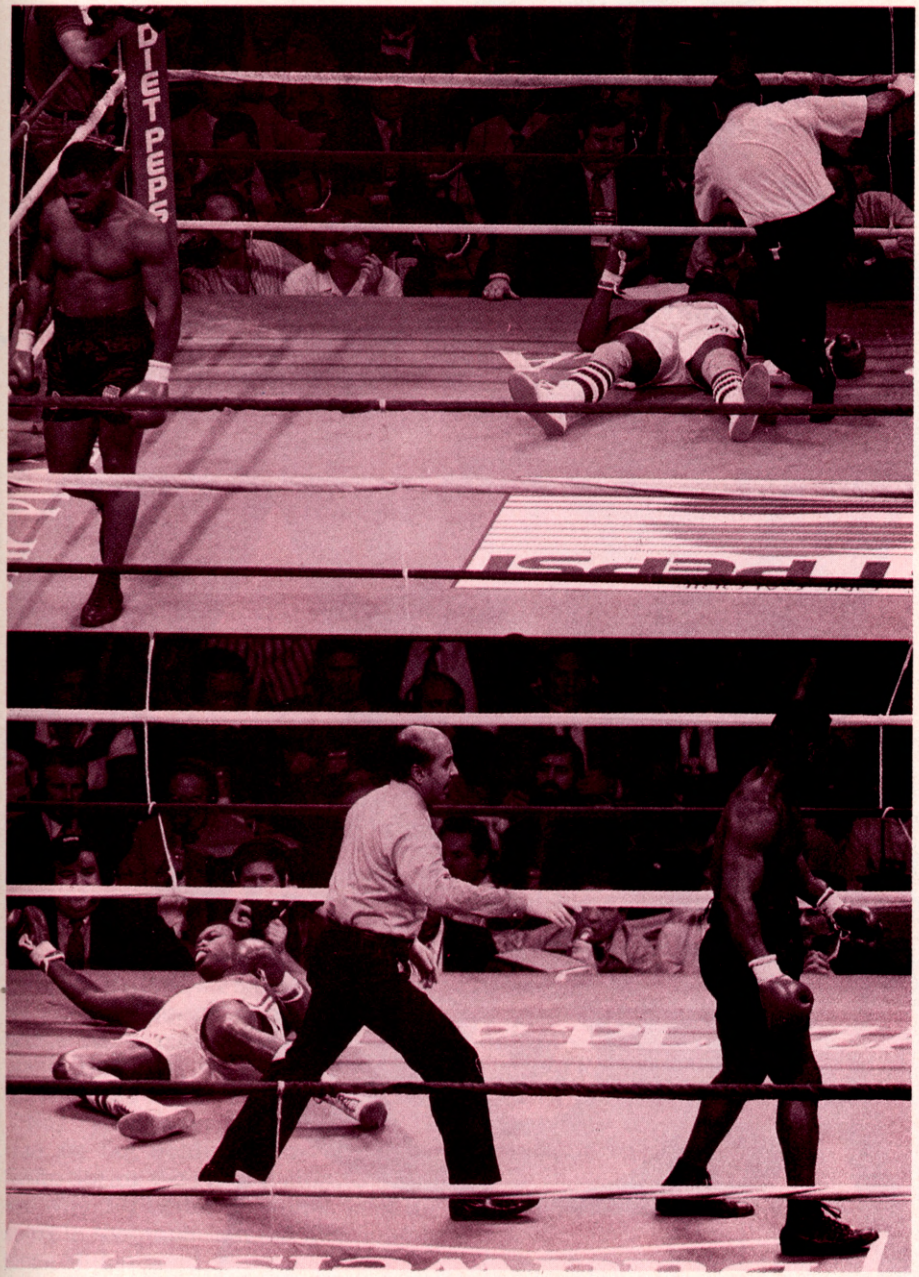
The Tubbs demolition cleared the way for the match everybody was waiting for — Tyson versus Michael Spinks.

In retrospect, it was a grotesque mismatch. But the fact Spinks was the true, linear champion made the bout an absolute necessity. Also, Spinks had upset the odds so often in the past, another miracle, though certainly not probable, seemed a possibility.

While the fight turned out to be a dud, the build-up was a masterpiece. The normal ballyhoo a match of this magnitude generates (and that's plenty) was overshadowed by the furor of Tyson's personal life. At the same time Mike was honing his body to perfection, his soap opera-like relationship with his wife and mother-in-law was rapidly reaching a flash point. As if that wasn't enough, Jacobs died shortly after the Tubbs fight and Tyson was also feuding with co-manager Bill Cayton.

There were so many distractions and hassles, a lot of people wondered if Tyson was going to be able to keep his mind on the task at hand. But when the first bell rang, it was quite obvious Tyson had only one thing on his mind — destroying Spinks.

In 91 of the most one-sided seconds in boxing history, Tyson twice bludgeoned Spinks to the canvas as the capacity crowd of over 21,000 inside Atlantic City Convention Hall roared its approval. The fight (?) was over so quickly it seemed a mere footnote to the bizarre proceedings which had enveloped the promotion even before the contracts were signed.



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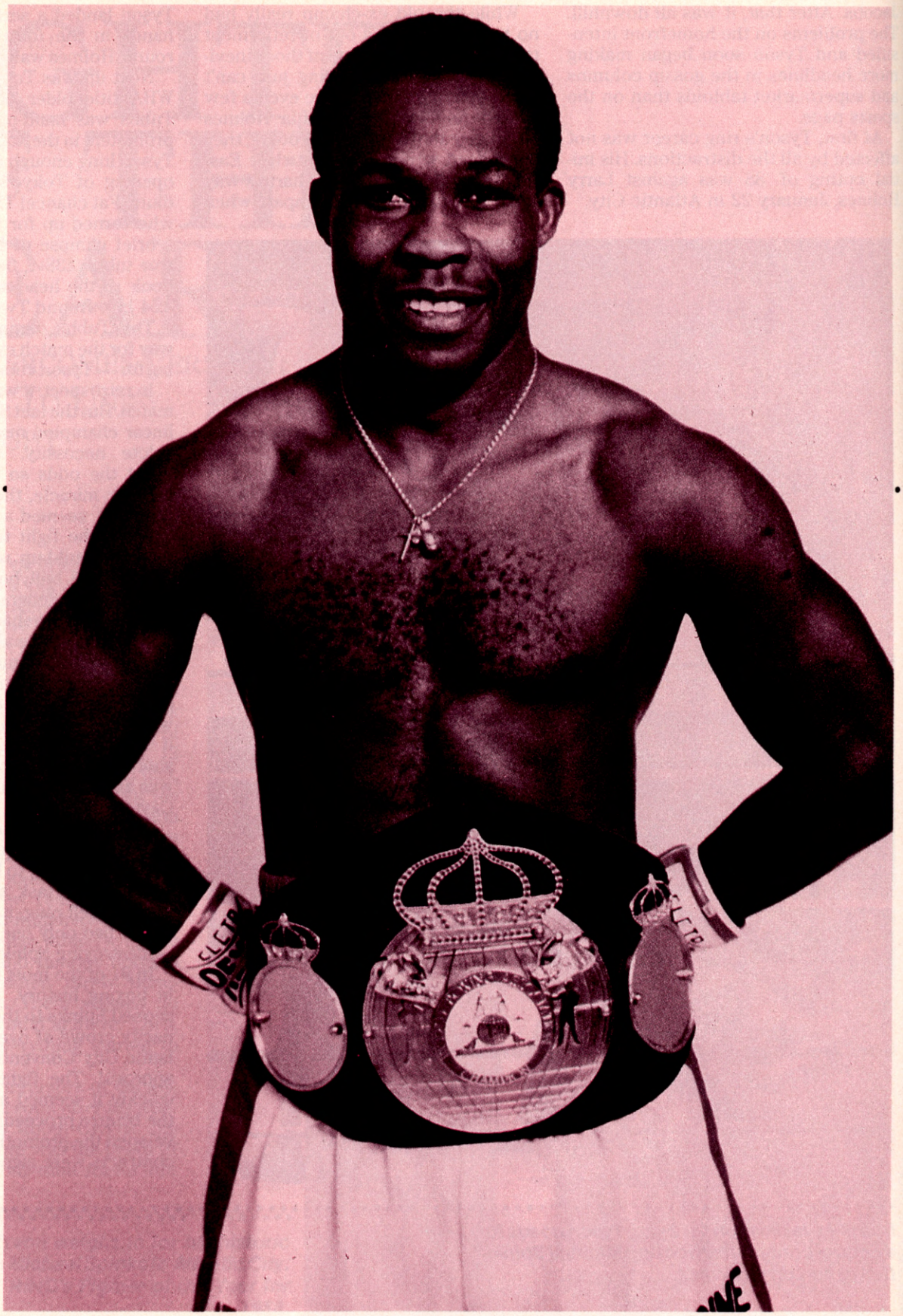
Iron Mike leaves 'em for dead. Tyson heads for a neutral corner after flooring Michael Spinks (top) and Larry Holmes.



It had taken Tyson less than one round to prove he was the best heavyweight in the world. Six months later, he still hadn't completely untangled his messy personal affairs.

His record purse of over $20 million only seemed to complicate matters. The champ's life rapidly became one misadventure after another.

His rocky marriage went from bad to worse. His relationship with Cayton took the same route. There were several car wrecks; an infamous street brawl with Mitch "Blood" Green; questions about his mental health and enough law suits to keep a team of attorneys working around the clock. In fact, about the only thing Tyson wasn't doing was boxing. His bout with Frank Bruno was postponed numerous times and Mike soon grew fat on a diet of food, booze and inactivity.

First Runner-Up for Fighter of the Year honors in '88 was Italian hero Sumbu Kalambay, who won THE RING's recognition as world middleweight champion following a series of impressive victories.

Fortunately for both Tyson and boxing, he now appears to be somewhat back on track. However, the scenario is far from tranquil. Don King has replaced Givens as Mike's main squeeze and long-time trainer Kevin Rooney has been axed for speaking out of turn. But at least Tyson's back in the gym after his bout with Bruno.

Some might question our selection of Tyson as 1988's Fighter of the Year. He certainly hasn't earned too many points as a role model for today's youth. But then, we are not honoring "Role Model of the Year."

No, Tyson was picked because he was, by far, boxing's most dominant figure during the past 12 months. A figure who, for better or worse, kept the sport in the public's mind like nobody since Muhammad Ali.

But even more important than that, by beating Spinks, Tyson preserved boxing's integrity, winning the heavyweight championship in the time-honored manner of all great champions of the past — in the ring.

For that, if nothing else, Tyson deserves the award.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: Another boxer who earned recognition by *The Ring* as world champion in 1988 was Italian middleweight **Sumbu Kalambay**. Practically unknown outside of Europe, Kalambay enjoyed a banner year, beating previously unbeaten Mike McCallum, gutsy Robbie Sims and hard-punching Doug DeWitt in defense of his WBA belt. Kalambay originally won recognition as WBA boss by easily outpointing Iran Barkley for the vacant crown. When Barkley went on to kayo Thomas Hearns for the WBC share of the title, *The Ring* felt Sumbu's claim was strong enough to call him world champion.

2nd Runner-Up: After heavyweight and middleweight, the lightweight title is the most prestigious boxing has to offer. Therefore, it is only fitting that Mexico's **Julio Cesar Chavez** should finish high in the balloting. Chavez (62-0 with 51 KOs), began the year as WBA titleholder, later winning *The Ring*'s recognition as world champ by beating WBC boss Jose Luis Ramirez via a technical decision. Though he engaged in a number of non-title bouts, Chavez's only other title bout in '88 was a sixth-round TKO over Rodolfo Aguilar. His lack of title fight action and the less-than-satisfactory ending to the Ramirez bout cost Chavez top spot.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

A sizable group of boxers warrant mention for their outstanding performances in '88. Here are the cream of the remaining crop:

Once again, **Sugar Ray Leonard** made his presence felt with another brilliant cameo appearance. Though his electrifying ninth-round TKO over Donny Lalonde was among the year's best fights, Leonard will have to fight more frequently to be considered worthy of top honors.

Another middleweight who enjoyed a surprising good year was New York bomber **Iran Barkley**, who rejuvenated his career with knockout wins over Michael Olajide and Hearns. Never in a dull fight, Barkley proved that nice guys don't always finish last — especially if they have a heart the size of the Bronx and TNT in both fists.

Rapidly developing into one of today's finest boxer/punchers is IBF welterweight champion **Simon Brown**. The transplanted Jamaican won his title with a heart-pounding, come-from-behind knockout over Tyrone Trice and then proceeded to tally successful defenses over Jorge Vaca (KO3) and Mauro Martelli (W12), bringing his overall record to 28-1 with 21 KOs.

Roger Mayweather (33-5 with 22 KOs) had his best year as a pro in '88, successfully defending his WBC super lightweight belt four times. His 12-round donnybrook with Harold Brazier was a give-and-take war, but the "Black Mamba" wrapped up the year with an easy duke over Vinny Pazienza, demonstrating he can box almost as well as he can punch.

WBA junior lightweight titleholder **Brian Mitchell** (36-1-2 with 18 KOs) had another excellent year. Forced to defend outside his native South Africa, Mitchell gamely traveled the globe, putting his title on the line wherever they will have him.

A definite candidate to win this category before he's through is Australian dynamo **Jeff Fenech**. Undefeated in 22 pro bouts (19 via knockout), Fenech really packs them in Down Under. Perhaps the strongest 126-pounder in the world, Fenech stopped Victor Callejas in 10 to win the WBC featherweight belt in '88 and carried on to turn back the challenges of Tyrone Downes (KO4) and Georgie Navarro (KO5). There may be no stopping this guy.

Bantamweight terror **Orlando Canizales** (21-1-1 with 17 KOs) battled his way into the 118-pound championship derby with a sensational TKO over Kelvin Seabrooks to win the IBF crown. A classy boxer with a killer punch, Canizales closed the year by racking up his first successful defense with a one-round kayo over mismatched Jimmy Navarro. □

ROUND OF THE YEAR

"You Blinked, You Missed It"

PERHAPS CO-WINNERS WOULD BE more appropriate. After all, the winner lasted just half a round . . . 91 seconds to be exact.

Ninety-one seconds over Atlantic City. It wasn't much from a competitive standpoint, but *The Ring's* "Round of the Year" has had few peers in historical importance. And rarely has one performer displayed such perfection.

When Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks faced off, the attention was befitting a true world heavyweight championship fight. Whether one recognized Tyson or whether one recognized Spinks, it was hard to deny there was a disagreement. And when there is a true disagreement over who is the real heavyweight champion, there is interest. Particularly when the two adversaries are talented, well-known, well-respected and undefeated.

Tyson held belts from the WBC, WBA and IBF, but he wanted the invisible belt worn by Spinks. And though Tyson was the favorite, who could have imagined Spinks would not even get to throw, let alone land, a single, solitary jab.

It was an execution and a statement in one. Tyson was overpowering, winning the championship in record time. Of course, there were a few, many who had spent big bucks for good tickets and many more who may have been among those attending the last major closed-circuit fight, who didn't even see the knockout. But there was no question of a phantom punch in this one. Michael Spinks was about as knocked out as one can be.

A new era truly had begun.

Mike Tyson (black trunks) united the heavyweight title with his 91-second blitz of Michael Spinks. The historical significance of the round was enough to give it top spot among all the rounds boxed in 1988.

PHOTO BY JOHN GALLAGHER

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: After two brutal rounds in Las Vegas, **Iran Barkley** was the picture of defeat. Six minutes of mayhem with **Tommy Hearns** had him so bloody, viewers cursed the invention of color television. As Hearns dug left hook after left hook to Barkley's gut in the third, one almost expected Barkley's stomach to begin bleeding. The end appeared near — and certain.

It was near — and certainly a shock.

Suddenly, Barkley nailed Hearns with a thunderous right. As Hearns keeled over, Barkley poleaxed him into the canvas with another right.

Jack Welsh, covering at ringside for *The Ring*, wrote, "Once the tottering Hearns was upright, Barkley, coiled like a tiger, seized the moment. He quickly rushed in and knocked Hearns through the ropes with a closing left. The picture was stunningly reminiscent of the 14th round of Tommy's fight with Leonard, when Sugar Ray put him through the ropes with a 25-punch salvo. Nobody could believe what they had witnessed."

What they had witnessed was the second best round of the year.

2nd Runner-Up: Having come off the deck in the fourth round, **Sugar Ray Leonard** had begun to assume control of his battle with **Donny Lalonde.** Lalonde was wearing down and had been hurt. But in the ninth round, Lalonde landed a solid right that buckled Leonard, perhaps hurting him more than the punch that had knocked him down five rounds earlier. Another right did Leonard no good. But back he came. For the first time in the fight, Leonard's hands began working at Leonard speed, which is comparable to warp speed. Lalonde never knew what hit him, being dropped twice in heavy fashion as Leonard added to his string of victims.

Don't be fooled by the cute face, Ray Leonard is a fighter. That's why he can't stay out of the ring. And that's why when he returns, he usually gives us something to remember. As he did in Round Nine against Lalonde.

For see-saw thrills, it was hard to top the climactic third-round of the Barkley-Hearns punchout. The "Hit Man" is pictured here bouncing a left jab off "The Blade's" face. Shortly thereafter, Barkley landed a haymaker to turn the fight in his favor.

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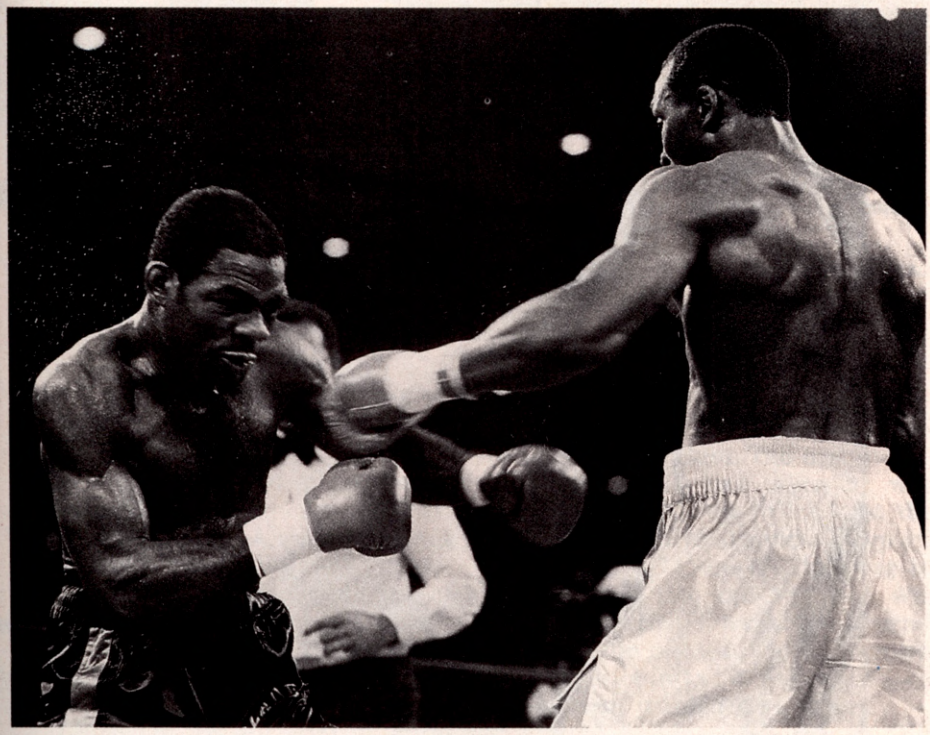


HONORABLE MENTIONS

Calvin Grove, often tagged a boring fighter, had the unique distinction of appearing in two rounds that received strong support for "Round of the Year." And what a difference those two rounds made in Grove's career. In January, in France, Grove was decked and cut under the right eye early in the fourth round by IBF featherweight titleholder **Antonio Rivera**. He barely beat the count, but before the round was over Grove dropped Rivera twice and won by TKO. In August, Grove, in Mexico, gave local **Jorge Paez** a 14-round pasting, but Paez dropped him three times in the 15th round to somehow pull out a decision. A dramatic finish and, perhaps, the last 15th round ever fought.

Perhaps the best round of the year from the standpoint of sheer entertainment was brought to us in August by ESPN when **John Wesley Meekins** squared off with former sparring partner **Mohammed Kawoya**. Meekins was treating Kawoya like a sparring partner, dropping him in the second. But he got careless in the third, which truly was a great session. Suddenly Meekins was on the deck, compliments of a wild right. He got up and promptly dropped Kawoya, who also got up. But Meekins, punching away, bulled him into the ropes. Just as referee Paul Venti stepped in to stop it, Kawoya knocked Meekins flat with a right. The loser was standing, the referee's arms wrapped around him. The winner was lying on the canvas!

Or how about the second round of **Rene Arredondo's** fifth-round stoppage of **Lalo Velasquez** in Los Angeles? Arredondo left hooks dropped Velasquez twice in the second, but he got up and launched a desperation right that Arredondo walked smack into. He crumbled to the canvas, made it through the frame and came back for the win.

The 12th and final round of **Hiroki Ioka's** battle with **Kyung-Yun Lee** for the WBC strawweight title in Japan was another of the year's best. The two were even going into the last frame and mixed furiously until Lee finally collapsed. But that was nothing compared to the final round of Ioka's June draw with Thailand's **Napa Kiatwanchai**, also in Japan. Ioka saved his title, but needed help as Kiatwanchai had him close to a knockout in the 12th round when the bell rang 32 seconds prematurely.

When 12 rounds add up to "Fight of the Year," selecting the outstanding round is an almost impossible chore. Which round was the best in **Tony Lopez'** 12-round win over **Rocky Lockridge**? Perhaps Round Five. In that blistering canto, Lopez opened strong, hurting Lockridge and putting him in deep trouble. But the wily veteran surged back, turning the tide in a memorable session. □

COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

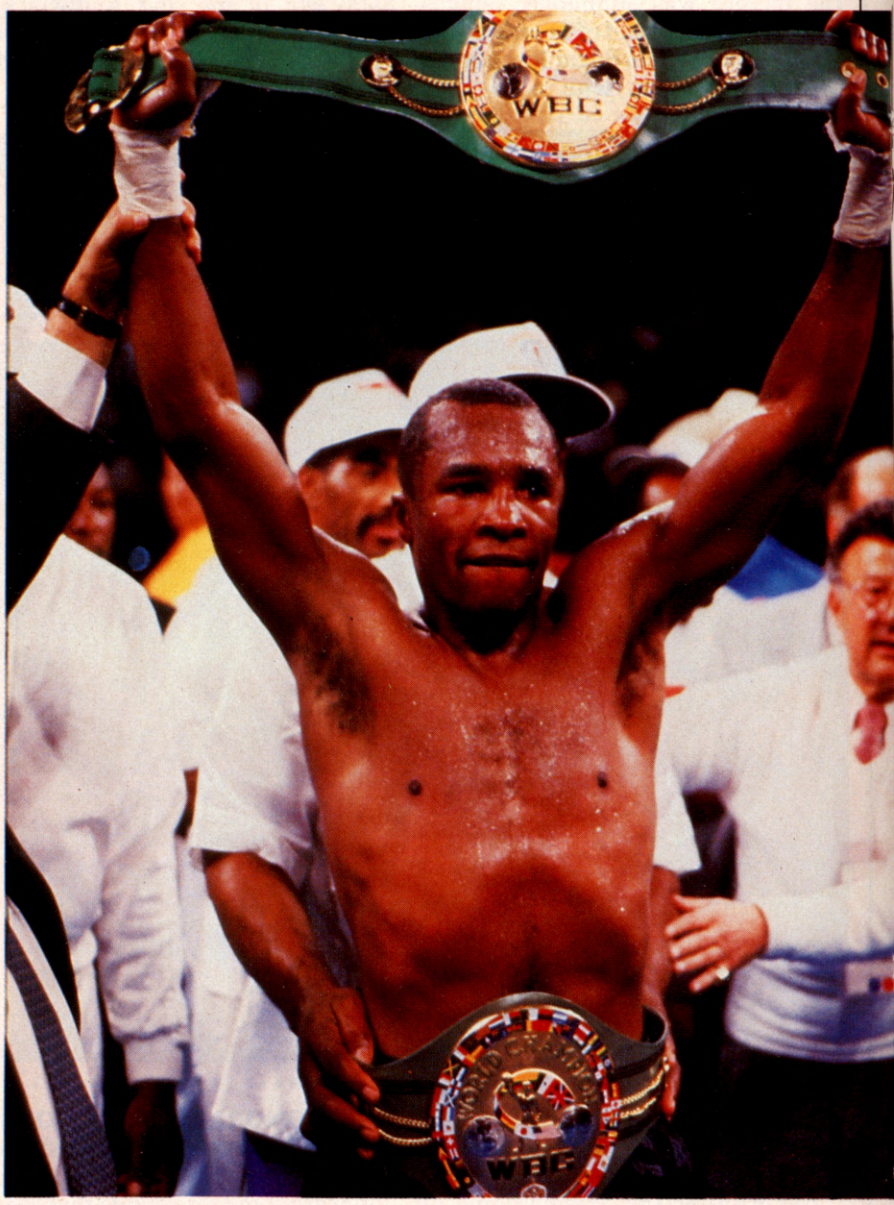
Sugar Ray . . . Again!

THIS GUY JUST WON'T GO AWAY. In an age of specialization, Sugar Ray Leonard has perfected the art of the comeback. For the second year in a row, he has provided boxing with its most impressive and newsworthy example of a phenomenon almost as old as the sport itself. With few exceptions, all boxers attempt to resurrect their careers after a spell on the sidelines. But rarely has one been as successful as the man who has become the "Comeback Kid" of the 1980s.

Following his upset victory over Marvelous Marvin Hagler in April of 1987, Leonard said he had accomplished everything he wanted in boxing and was finally ready to hang up his gloves for good. He certainly had plenty to keep him occupied. There was his Coors' boxing team, his job as color commentator with HBO, and enough product endorsements to keep the money rolling in. Most men would be content to sit back and enjoy life. But just in case you hadn't noticed, Leonard isn't most men.

It wasn't so much that he missed the spotlight. Leonard is just as much a celebrity outside the ring. No, what Leonard craved was boxing. He missed the rush only hand-to-hand combat could provide, the kind of euphoria that comes from living life on the edge. It was inevitable he would return. Only two questions remained — who and when.

Rematches with Hagler and Thomas Hearns were considered and rejected for one reason or another, depending on whose story you believe. Therefore, a fresh opponent was needed, one who would present enough of a challenge



Once again, Sugar Ray Leonard wins THE RING's Comeback of the Year award. Leonard is pictured here after his thrilling knockout over Donny Lalonde.

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to motivate Leonard. Equally important, he had to be someone with a degree of marquee value. Enter WBC light heavyweight champ Donny Lalonde.

Lalonde was perfect. He was handsome, articulate and a hard enough puncher to give Sugar Ray something to worry about. Unfortunately, the promotion was cheapened with a load of phony hype built around the fact two spurious titles — Lalonde's 175-pound belt and the newly created WBC super middleweight crown — would be at stake. There were also a lot of snide remarks about Lalonde's qualifications. But in the end, the match vindicated itself and turned out to be a corker.

Nineteen months after his win over Hagler, Leonard stepped back into the same ring at Caesars Palace. If his gifts have diminished, it was hardly noticeable to the 13,246 in attendance and the millions of TV viewers around the globe. It was a treat to watch him again.

Following three rounds of relative calm, Lalonde connected with his vaunted right and Leonard hit the deck for only the second time in his pro career. Well, that did it. From the moment Ray picked himself up off the canvas, it was a take-no-prisoners shootout.

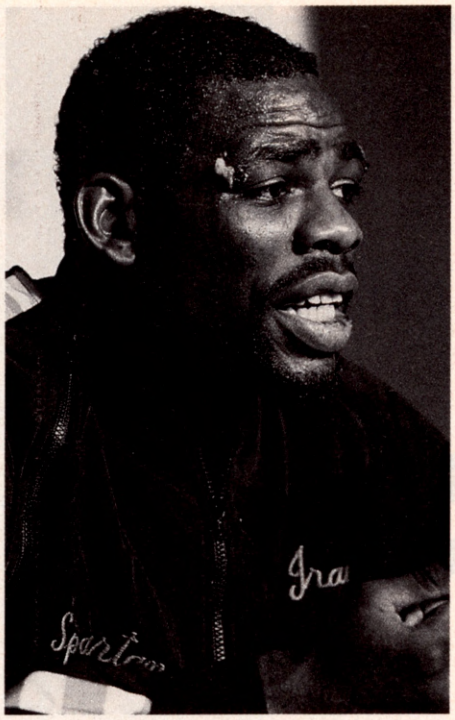
Lalonde hung tough and managed to rattle Leonard several more times, but by Round Nine the brave Canadian was fighting both fatigue and Sugar Ray's flying fists. Following a last-gasp rally early in the round, Lalonde was at Leonard's mercy.

Always a magnificent finisher, Leonard really poured it on, twice smashing Lalonde to the floor with vicious combinations. After the second knockdown, referee Richard Steele stopped the rout at 2:30, giving Leonard his 25th knockout in an overall career mark of 35-1.

With the long-awaited rematch with Hearns already set, it is doubtful Leonard will be eligible to win this category next year. But don't be too shocked if he tops the list again someday. Say, in about the year 2000.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: At the beginning of '88, it looked like **Iran Barkley** was rapidly running out his string. He'd been soundly outpointed by Sumbu Kalambay in a failed attempt to win the WBA middleweight title and his options seemed limited at best. But Barkley came up the hard way and



Iran Barkley speaks with the press following his surprising kayo over Tommy Hearns. The upset victory capped a fine comeback year for Barkley.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

knows how to shrug off the disappointment of a major loss. The first important step back came when he was matched with Michael Olajide at the Felt Forum. In a wild shootout typical of Barkley, he came off the floor to blast Olajide into oblivion. The win earned "The Blade" a crack at Hearns' WBC version of the 160-pound crown and they met in Las Vegas July 6 — a date Hearns would rather forget.

For the first two rounds, the "Hit Man" belabored Barkley with every punch in his vast arsenal. The challenger from the Bronx looked like Jack the Ripper had worked over his face. It was more of the same in Round Three until Iran came up with the punch of a lifetime. A haymaker of a right nailed Hearns flush and another propelled him to the canvas. Tommy wobbled up, but he was whistling past the graveyard. Barkley charged in swinging and Hearns was soon down again, this time for keeps. Barkley's resurrection was complete. At least for now!

2nd Runner-Up: The pride of the Emerald Isle is back in business. Out of action since Stevie Cruz took his featherweight title in 1986's Fight of the Year, **Barry McGuigan** finally launched a comeback in '88. A trio of inside-the-distance wins over Nicky Perez, Tomas DaCruz and Julio Miranda have placed the ever-popular Irishman in position to once again challenge for a title. Still a few years shy of his 30th birthday, McGuigan (32-2 with 27 KOs) seems to have rekindled his fighting spirit following a lengthy period of managerial and personal problems. All that remains now is to see how far his punch and dogged determination can take him.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

The big boys have always attracted the big money, so it isn't too surprising to find a number of them trying to recapture their old magic in '88. The most obvious example was former heavyweight king **George Foreman**, who continued his string of comeback knockouts the past 12 months. The Fighting Preacher (61-2 with 58 KOs) was widely criticized for the caliber of his opposition, but at least he fought on regular basis.

Another old face on the comeback trail is **Michael Dokes**, who also stayed busy with a steady diet of hand-picked opponents. His diligence earned him a sizable payday against Evander Holyfield.

Considered washed-up following crushing defeats at the hands of Mike McCallum and Lloyd Honeyghan, **Donald Curry** (30-3 with 21 KOs) rebounded by winning the WBC super welterweight title from Italy's Gianfranco Rosi. **Honeyghan** (33-2 with 22 KOs) also redeemed himself in '88, regaining the world 147-pound title he loaned to Jorge Vaca the previous year. But both started 1989 with losses.

According to Joe Koizumi, *The Ring's* Oriental Bureau Chief, the return of former WBC super featherweight champ **Rolando Navarrete** (47-7-3) has been a hot topic in Filipino boxing circles. After serving almost three years in jail in Hawaii, Navarrete has resumed his career back home under the guidance of Papa Lope Sarreal. Three wins later, the 31-year-old southpaw is still going strong and pulling in large crowds in Manila. □

UPSET OF THE YEAR

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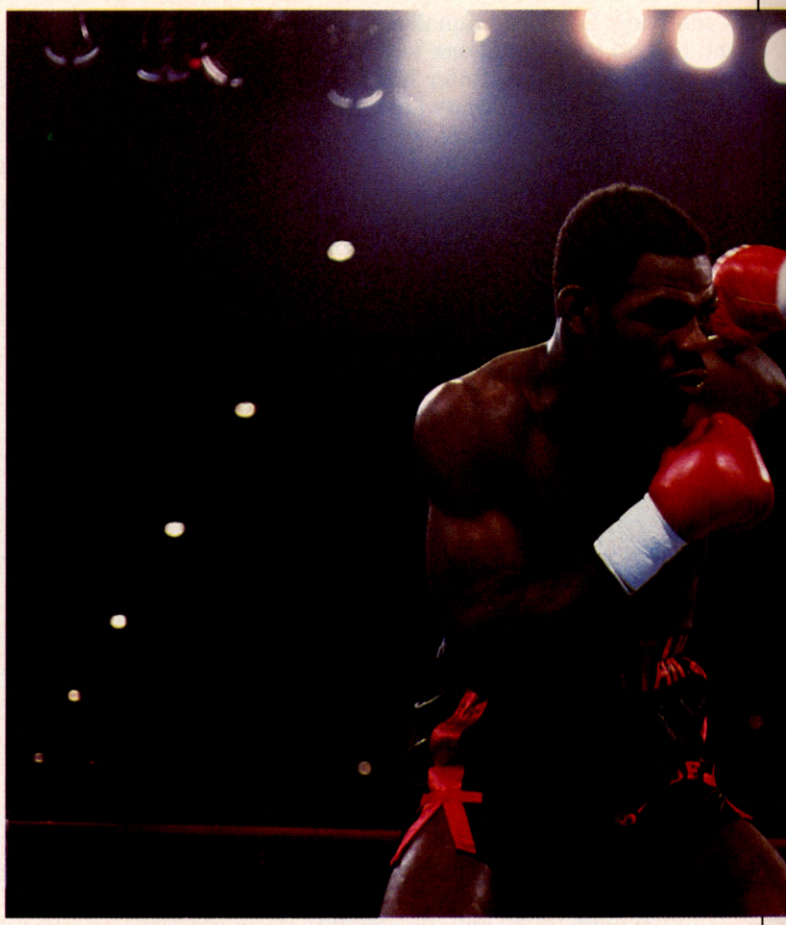

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As it turned out, Barkley was an easy target. In fact, Hearns had him so busted up by the end of the second round, Dr. Donald Romeo paid a visit to his corner to inspect the extensive damage. Iran was gashed inside his mouth and cut around both eyes so badly that he did eventually require plastic surgery. When the bell sounded for Round Three, defeat appeared inevitable.

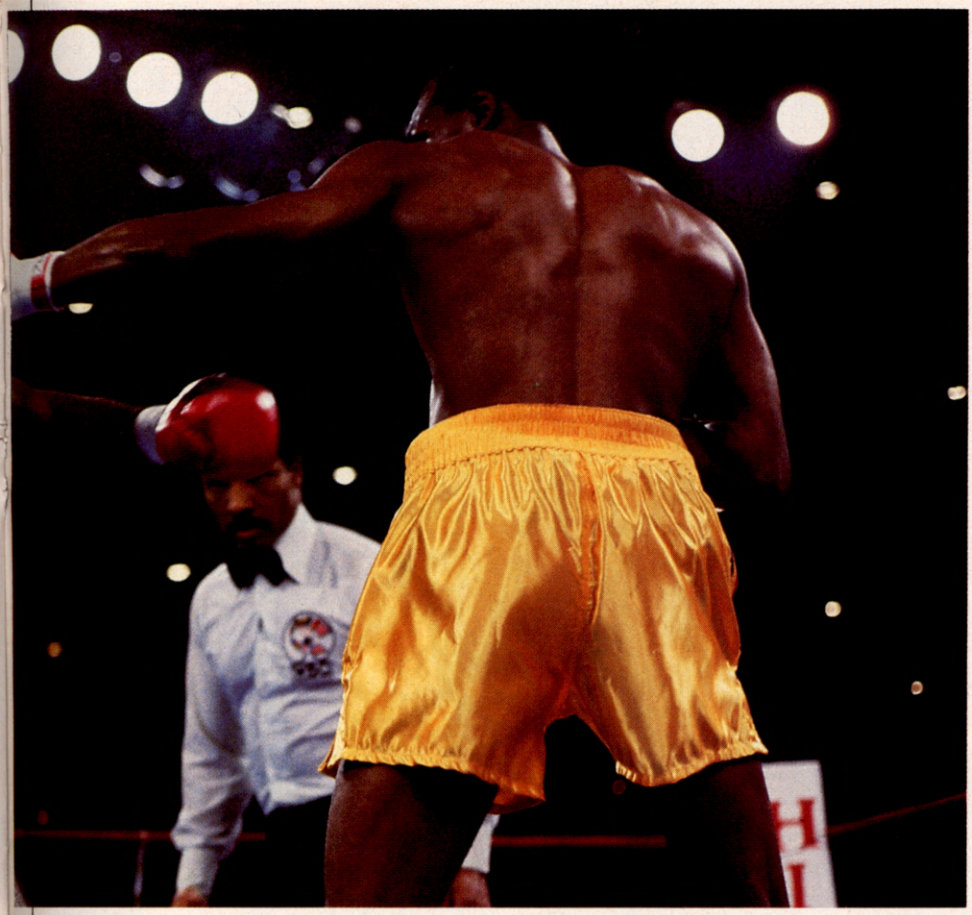
Hearns went for the kill. He attacked confidently, punishing Barkley's ravaged face with jarring shots. Then Tommy lowered his sights, lashing out with wicked body blows, visibly hurting his man and forcing Barkley to grab and hold.

Just when it seemed Barkley was ready to go, he came out of a semi-crouch and fired a right hook from the hip. The punch traveled upward with the full weight of Barkley's body behind it and crashed into the side of Hearns' jaw with tremendous impact. Hearns started to fall over backwards in slow motion and Iran stepped in with another right, driving Tommy to the floor like a man hammering home a nail.

How Hearns managed to drag himself erect is a mystery, but he did. Another mystery is why referee Richard Steele let him continue. Tommy had that far away look in his eyes as Barkley rushed in for the finish. One solid punch, amidst a wild flurry, put Hearns through the ropes. There was no hesitation this time. Steele terminated matters without a count with 21 seconds remaining in the round.

It was a magic moment for Barkley. His dream come true, he stood in the center of the ring, blood trickling down his battered face, the WBC championship belt help high above his head as the crowd rose to him.

The electrifying win capped a remarkable comeback year which began with Barkley still smarting from his '87 loss to Sumbu Kalambay. But the man they call "The Blade" is used to adversity. It had been an uphill struggle his entire 25-4 (16 KOs) career. However, this one fantastic win made all his travail seem worthwhile.



Barkley's reward was a seemingly easy defense against ancient Roberto Duran. But when the crowd-pleasing Barkley is in the ring, you never quite know what to expect — a fact Thomas Hearns would be glad to verify.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: Robert Hines W12 Matthew Hilton — The stage was set for a showcase defense by IBF junior middleweight champ Matthew Hilton, one of boxing's most promising young power punchers. The challenger was lightly regarded Robert Hines, a reformed drug abuser who'd been resurrected by Philadelphia promoter Russell Peltz. For the first three rounds it looked like Hilton was going to send Hines home in an ambulance. The hard-swinging Canadian floored his challenger with booming rights in both the second and third.

Southpaw Hines, his face swollen and cut, stubbornly refused to give up. He fought back bitterly and gradually turned the tide with a punishing counter attack. Down the stretch, Hilton was exhausted and barely made it to the final bell. The unanimous decision in Hines' favor was a mere formality. Though Hilton later revealed a pre-fight rib injury and weight-making problems, Hines' up-from-the-floor victory was one of '88's most stunning upsets.

2nd Runner-Up: Yong-Kang Kim W12 Sot Chitalada — Weight was also a factor in another of last year's major shockers. World flyweight champion Sot Chitalada reportedly ballooned up to 140 pounds prior to his defense against Kim and was forced to steam off a pound the day of the fight. The gifted Thai paid the price for his slovenly ways when the 10-1 Korean underdog pounded out a unanimous 12-round decision to take the title.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

There were plenty of other upsets during the past 12 months which added spice to the sport and frequently gave the rankings a good shake-up. Remember these?

In 1987, *The Ring* selected welterweight knockout artist Engels Pedroza as Prospect of the Year. The Venezuelan bomber was knocking over one opponent after another in '88 when he ran into Ann Arbor, Michigan's **Mike Johnson**. The 22-year-old collegian stopped Pedroza and ended his winning streak with a ninth-round TKO in Las Vegas.

Another big surprise among the welters was **Jorge Maysonet**'s first-round demolition of previously unbeaten Hugh "Buttons" Kearney. But probably the most astonishing result in the 147-pound division came when Colombia's **Tomas Molinares** robbed Marlon Starling of the WBA crown with a blatant cheap shot. Falling rapidly behind, Molinares knocked out Starling with a whistling overhand right which was launched moments after the bell had sounded ending the sixth round. The New Jersey commission changed the verdict to "no decision," but the WBA brass upheld the knockout and allowed Molinares to keep his tainted title.

Of course, the welterweights didn't have a monopoly on upsets. There were even a few among the big fellows. Veteran campaigner **Renaldo Snipes** sent hot prospect Johnny DuPlooy back to South Africa with a damaged reputation. Snipes sucked up punishment early, but later discovered his adversary couldn't take it nearly as well as he could dish it out. A tired DuPlooy fell to the floor and quit in the seventh, giving Mr. Snipes an unexpected victory.

Moving down to the smaller men, we saw underdog challenger **Tony Lopez** nip Rocky Lockridge over 12 magnificent rounds to capture the IBF junior lightweight belt and **Meldrick Taylor** came into his own with a surprisingly easy TKO over vaunted Buddy McGirt for the IBF 140-pound title.

IBF featherweight king Calvin Grove also received quite a shock when Mexico's **Jorge Paez** knocked him down three times in the 15th round to grab the title by a controversial split decision. And long-time WBC bantamweight boss Miguel "Happy" Lora was likewise bitten by the upset bug when another Mexican upstart, **Raul Perez**, hammered out a convincing decision to take away the crown.

By and large, these upsets were healthy for boxing. All the winners benefited, and most of the losers didn't suffer as much as you might have expected. No year would be complete without upsets. They stirred the stew and helped keep the game honest. □

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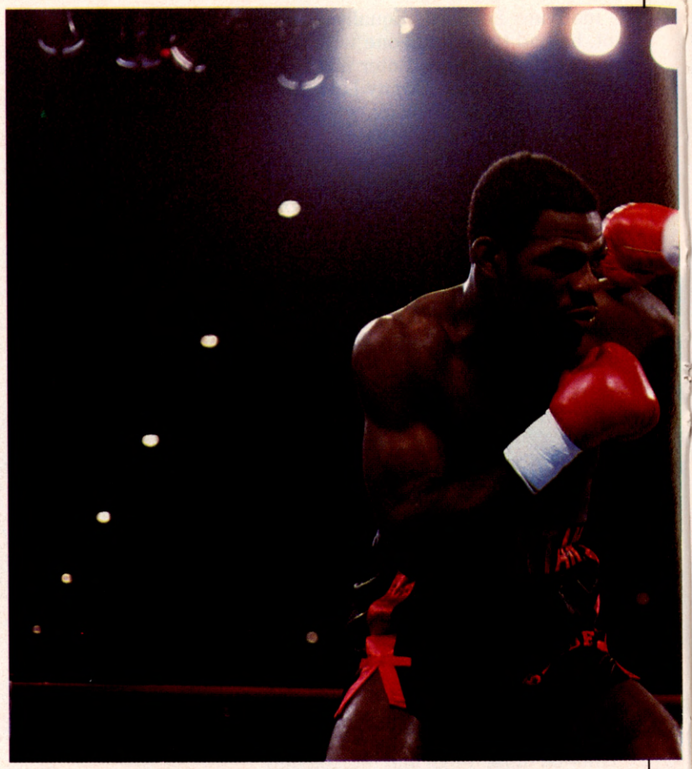

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As it turned out, Barkley was an easy target. In fact, Hearns had him so busted up by the end of the second round, Dr. Donald Romeo paid a visit to his corner to inspect the extensive damage. Iran was gashed inside his mouth and cut around both eyes so badly that he did eventually require plastic surgery. When the bell sounded for Round Three, defeat appeared inevitable.

Hearns went for the kill. He attacked confidently, punishing Barkley's ravaged face with jarring shots. Then Tommy lowered his sights, lashing out with wicked body blows, visibly hurting his man and forcing Barkley to grab and hold.

Just when it seemed Barkley was ready to go, he came out of a semi-crouch and fired a right hook from the hip. The punch traveled upward with the full weight of Barkley's body behind it and crashed into the side of Hearns' jaw with tremendous impact. Hearns started to fall over backwards in slow motion and Iran stepped in with another right, driving Tommy to the floor like a man hammering home a nail.

How Hearns managed to drag himself erect is a mystery, but he did. Another mystery is why referee Richard Steele let him continue. Tommy had that far away look in his eyes as Barkley rushed in for the finish. One solid punch, amidst a wild flurry, put Hearns through the ropes. There was no hesitation this time. Steele terminated matters without a count with 21 seconds remaining in the round.

It was a magic moment for Barkley. His dream come true, he stood in the center of the ring, blood trickling down his battered face, the WBC championship belt help high above his head as the crowd rose to him.

The electrifying win capped a remarkable comeback year which began with Barkley still smarting from his '87 loss to Sumbu Kalambay. But the man they call "The Blade" is used to adversity. It had been an uphill struggle his entire 25-4 (16 KOs) career. However, this one fantastic win made all his travail seem worthwhile.

Barkley's reward was a seemingly easy defense against ancient Roberto Duran. But when the crowd-pleasing Barkley is in the ring, you never quite know what to expect — a fact Thomas Hearns would be glad to verify.

RUNNERS-UP

1st Runner-Up: Robert Hines W12 Matthew Hilton — The stage was set for a showcase defense by IBF junior middleweight champ Matthew Hilton, one of boxing's most promising young power punchers. The challenger was lightly regarded Robert Hines, a reformed drug abuser who'd been resurrected by Philadelphia promoter Russell Peltz. For the first three rounds it looked like Hilton was going to send Hines home in an ambulance. The hard-swinging Canadian floored his challenger with booming rights in both the second and third.

Southpaw Hines, his face swollen and cut, stubbornly refused to give up. He fought back bitterly and gradually turned the tide with a punishing counter attack. Down the stretch, Hilton was exhausted and barely made it to the final bell. The unanimous decision in Hines' favor was a mere formality. Though Hilton later revealed a pre-fight rib injury and weight-making problems, Hines' up-from-the-floor victory was one of '88's most stunning upsets.

2nd Runner-Up: Yong-Kang Kim W12 Sot Chitalada — Weight was also a factor in another of last year's major shockers. World flyweight champion Sot Chitalada reportedly ballooned up to 140 pounds prior to his defense against Kim and was forced to steam off a pound the day of the fight. The gifted Thai paid the price for his slovenly ways when the 10-1 Korean underdog pounded out a unanimous 12-round decision to take the title.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

There were plenty of other upsets during the past 12 months which added spice to the sport and frequently gave the rankings a good shake-up. Remember these?

In 1987, *The Ring* selected welterweight knockout artist Engels Pedroza as Prospect of the Year. The Venezuelan bomber was knocking over one opponent after another in '88 when he ran into Ann Arbor, Michigan's **Mike Johnson**. The 22-year-old collegian stopped Pedroza and ended his winning streak with a ninth-round TKO in Las Vegas.

Another big surprise among the welters was **Jorge Maysonet**'s first-round demolition of previously unbeaten Hugh "Buttons" Kearney. But probably the most astonishing result in the 147-pound division came when Colombia's **Tomas Molinares** robbed Marlon Starling of the WBA crown with a blatant cheap shot. Falling rapidly behind, Molinares knocked out Starling with a whistling overhand right which was launched moments after the bell had sounded ending the sixth round. The New Jersey commission changed the verdict to "no decision," but the WBA brass upheld the knockout and allowed Molinares to keep his tainted title.

Of course, the welterweights didn't have a monopoly on upsets. There were even a few among the big fellows. Veteran campaigner **Renaldo Snipes** sent hot prospect Johnny DuPlooy back to South Africa with a damaged reputation. Snipes sucked up punishment early, but later discovered his adversary couldn't take it nearly as well as he could dish it out. A tired DuPlooy fell to the floor and quit in the seventh, giving Mr. Snipes an unexpected victory.

Moving down to the smaller men, we saw underdog challenger **Tony Lopez** nip Rocky Lockridge over 12 magnificent rounds to capture the IBF junior lightweight belt and **Meldrick Taylor** came into his own with a surprisingly easy TKO over vaunted Buddy McGirt for the IBF 140-pound title.

IBF featherweight king Calvin Grove also received quite a shock when Mexico's **Jorge Paez** knocked him down three times in the 15th round to grab the title by a controversial split decision. And long-time WBC bantamweight boss Miguel "Happy" Lora was likewise bitten by the upset bug when another Mexican upstart, **Raul Perez**, hammered out a convincing decision to take away the crown.

By and large, these upsets were healthy for boxing. All the winners benefited, and most of the losers didn't suffer as much as you might have expected. No year would be complete without upsets. They stirred the stew and helped keep the game honest. □

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by Jack Obermayer

Photo By
Tom Casino

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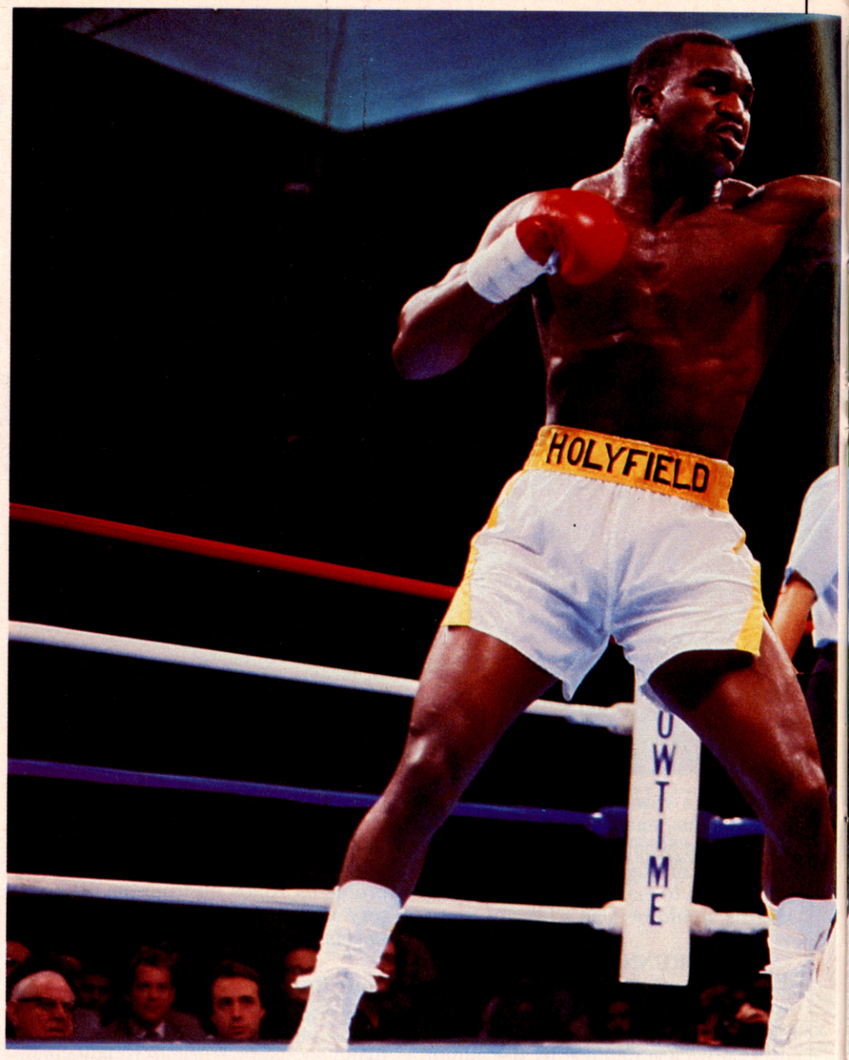

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This was no dilettante, no Don King lobotomized, bloated, half-hearted, roly-poly heavyweight Thomas was up against. Holyfield is a ring thoroughbred, crafted to perform to the max. Sometimes there is a difference between a boxer and a fighter, but Pinklon found himself in with a fighter who could box!

The first significant punch landed by Thomas was a short right hand halfway through Round Two.

"Fire, fire, Pink," yelled trainer Angelo Dundee, but there would be no follow up. Holyfield just shook it off and proceeded on his merry way.

Early in the next stanza, Evander landed a long left hook that set the tone for a dominating three minutes. It was a demonstration of calibrated efficiency; energy and skill combining in near perfect harmony. Even without a knockdown, two of the judges were observant enough to issue 10-8 marks, as did *The Ring*. Game, set, and nearly match to Mr. Holyfield.

Rounds four, five and six were relatively quiet. Holyfield settled into a groove and Thomas was too comatose to respond. It became repetitious, almost boring. For Evander, the time had come to at least put his quarry on the deck. If he couldn't, rumors of insufficient punching power would continue to fester. Can "The Real Deal" really deal as a heavyweight?

Round Seven saw Holyfield bouncing about, picking his spots until a left uppercut had Pinklon blinking. Putting Thomas on the ropes, Holyfield exploded in his best series of potent punching.

The last few seconds were pure hell for Thomas. Yet, he remained upright, but with nothing left (he had little to begin with). Thomas was visibly unsteady as he slowly headed to his corner, and it took Dundee but two seconds to catch the eye of referee Tony Perez, who quickly halted the bout.

Thomas had taken such a nasty numbing in the seventh that not only did two judges score it 10-8, but the other actually tabbed it 10-7! Scores after seven: Eugene Grant, 69-63; Frank Brunette, 70-61; while *The Ring* agreed with the 70-60 card of Rocky Castellani. Pinklon could only manage one winning round; the second on the card of Grant.

At the post-fight press conference, Pinklon (29-3-1 with 24 KOs) was generous in praising his conqueror: "I take my hat off to him. I think the kid can even handle Tyson. He has more to work with than Tyson."

Even Dundee had to admit, "He was a lot stronger than I thought he would be."

Promoter Dan Duva was quick to defend the no knockdown performance by saying that Evander has knocked out or stopped his last nine opponents, and how "they keep quitting before he can knock them down."

Trainer Georgie Benton had the best line when he said, "As the old saying goes, first you get 'em drunk, then you mug 'em."

Fair enough guys, but will the public buy it?

PS. Don't tamper with Holyfield too much. It may backfire. At 210 he is plenty big enough!
(12-9-88)

AS OF MARCH 2, 1989

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)

WORLD CHAMPION

MIKE TYSON ..... New York
1. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Georgia
2. **Carl Williams** ..... New Jersey
3. **Adilson Rodrigues** ..... Brazil
4. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Pennsylvania
5. **Michael Dokes** ..... Ohio
6. **Donovan Ruddock** ..... Canada
7. **Tony Tucker** ..... Michigan
8. **Orlin Norris** ..... California
9. **James Douglas** ..... Ohio
10. **Francesco Damiani** ..... Italy

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Charles Williams** ..... Ohio
2. **Virgil Hill** ..... North Dakota
3. **Ray Leonard** ..... Maryland
4. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
5. **Don Lalonde** ..... Canada
6. **Tony Willis** ..... Illinois
7. **Bobby Czyz** ..... New Jersey
8. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Michigan
9. **Graciano Rocchigiani** ..... Germany
10. **Joe Lasisi** ..... Nigeria

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SUMBU KALAMBAY ..... Italy
1. **Michael Nunn** ..... California
2. **Ray Leonard** ..... Maryland
3. **Roberto Duran** ..... Panama
4. **Iran Barkley** ..... New York
5. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Michigan
6. **Herol Graham** ..... England
7. **Mike McCallum** ..... Jamaica
8. **Darrin Van Horn** ..... Kentucky
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Rene Jacquot** ..... France

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARLON STARLING ..... Connecticut
1. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
2. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Mark Breland** ..... New York
5. **Tomas Molinares** ..... Colombia
6. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Nevada
7. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Pennsylvania
8. **Juan Martin Coggi** ..... Argentina
9. **Manning Galloway** ..... Ohio
10. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Michigan

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ ..... Mexico
1. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Virginia
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
3. **Greg Haugen** ..... Washington
4. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6. **Amancio Castro** ..... Colombia
7. **Tony Lopez** ..... California
8. **Anthony Jones** ..... Michigan
9. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... New Jersey
10. **Brian Mitchell** ..... South Africa

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA ..... Venezuela
1. **Jeff Fenech** ..... Australia
2. **Jorge Paez** ..... Mexico
3. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pennsylvania
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Juan Jose Estrada** ..... Mexico
6. **Jeff Franklin** ..... Nevada
7. **Hector Lopez** ..... Mexico
8. **Jesus Poll** ..... California
9. **Louie Espinoza** ..... Arizona
10. **Jose Sanabria** ..... Venezuela

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Raul Perez** ..... Mexico
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
4. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
5. **Orlando Canizales** ..... Texas
6. **Sung-Kil Moon** ..... Korea
7. **Juan Carazo** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... South Carolina
10. **Kaokor Galaxy** ..... Thailand

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

YONG-KANG KIM ..... Korea
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Sot Chitalada** ..... Thailand
3. **Fidel Bassa** ..... Colombia
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Duke McKenzie** ..... England
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Miguel Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
8. **Humberto Gonzales** ..... Mexico
9. **Ray Medel** ..... Texas
10. **Julio Gudino** ..... Panama

VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Angelo Prospero

HOW GOOD WAS JOHNNY CESARIO? Just three weeks apart in May and June of 1951, he easily beat soon-to-be champion Carmen Basilio in Utica, NY, and top contender Joey Giambra in Buffalo. In 1953, he ventured to New Orleans and handed future light heavyweight champion Willie Pastrano a boxing lesson. From August 2, 1946, until February 14, 1949, he was undefeated in 24 bouts, easily defeating No. 1 contender Charley Fusari in Charley's hometown of Newark, NJ.

Yet it was Fusari, Bernard Docusen, Kid Gavilan and Chuck Taylor who received title shots against champion Ray Robinson. The sad part of his magnificent career was that Cesario never received a title fight. Johnny Cesario was born December 11, 1925, in Hartford, Connecticut. He fought from April 1, 1943, when he was 21 years of age, (defeating Jerry Walsh) until May 10, 1955, when at the age of 32 he lost a 10-round decision to Chico Vejar.

Cesario won his first 40 fights, 25 by knockout. He had 24 fights his first year as a pro, including his first five all in the first month. John likes to tell of his first opponent, Jerry Walsh, and his fifth opponent, Billy White. They were the same fighter just using different names. Cesario won both by knockout.

His first loss came at the hands of Canadian Gus "Pell" Mell. He later fought a draw and decisioned Mell. Promoter Sam Silverman had several clubs going in the New England area and kept Cesario busy as ethnic rivalries drew big crowds in this area. John won the New England welterweight and middleweight championships in savage wars with Ralph "Ripper" Zanelli and Dave Andrews.

He lost his first battle with Andrews, whom he respects as the hardest puncher he ever faced. It was one of the three times in 107 fights that he was stopped. The next two bouts against Andrews he boxed smartly and didn't give his opponent a chance to land his vaunted right hands and won unanimous decisions. His regional title fight against Zanelli drew a huge gate and Cesario pocketed his biggest purse, $17,000. "I was born 30 years too soon," responded John when reminded of the purses today.

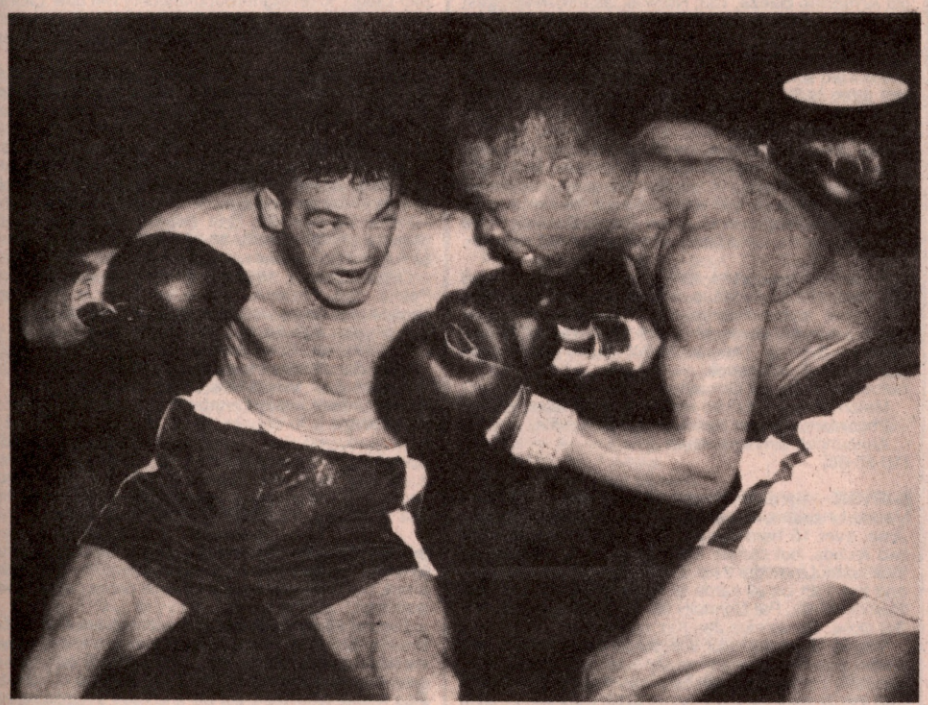
Managed by Lou Vescusi and trained by Bill Gore, Cesario was in the same stable with Willie Pep and Tommy Gomez, both of whom he corresponds with today. In 107 bouts, he won 89, lost 14, with four draws, while scoring 25 kayoes. He also defeated Willie Joyce, Henry Jordan, Oscar Suggs, Carmine Fiore and Johnny Cunningham.

After his boxing days, John Cesario went into the food and beverage business. Today he is in charge of concessions at the Hartford Civic Center, a multi-million dollar operation.

Drop John a line at 267 Princeton St. in Hartford, Conn. 06106. He'll be happy to hear from you.

Yes, Boxers do like to be remembered.

(Next Month — Lee Sala of Donora, PA).

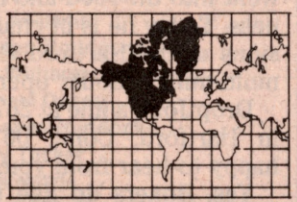


Johnny Cesario (left) mixes it up with Ted Murray en route to a split decision win at New York City's Ridgewood Grove Arena, June 30, 1953.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES

Ed Cudney, veteran boxing instructor from Buffalo, NY, has been associated with the Babcock Boys Club in that city for 63 years ... Two other Buffalo standouts are hospitalized in Our Lady Of Victory Hospital. Jackie Donovan, The Irish Imp of the 1930s, was considered the finest amateur ever to come out of Buffalo and later became a successful pro under the direction of Eddie Mead. Phil Muscato met the best heavyweights in the world, including Rocky Marciano, Archie Moore, Harry Matthews and Tommy Gomez ... The recent passing of Al McCoy (Florian LaBrasseur) and Johnny Paychek shortens the list of the 25 challengers for Joe Louis' title still with us. Arturo Godoy, Buddy Baer, Tommy Farr and Gus Dorazio also succumbed in recent years ... Ring 8 put on a tremendous dinner honoring Ray Arcel at the Downtown A.C. in New York City. Arcel, 89 years young, trained 21 champions, including Jackie "Kid" Berg, who flew in from England, Ezzard Charles, Roberto Duran and Billy Soose. Other champions in attendance, secured by the energetic Danny Kapilow, were Tony Zale, Willie Pep, Joey Giardello, Rocky Graziano, Larry Holmes, Jake LaMotta, Melio Bettina, Vito Antuofermo and Mark Breland. □

The RING AROUND THE WORLD



NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN DIEGO**—El Cortez Hotel—**Terry Norris,** 152½, Campo, unanimously outscored Gilbert Baptist, 154, San Diego, 10, in a fight described by promoter Bob Dephilippis as "The best we ever had here." Baptist (9-9) applied constant pressure and Norris (18-2) needed all of his considerable skills to stay in front. Scoring: Eddie Rodriguez 99-91; Frank Rustich 97-93; Danny Millsap 96-94. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Unbeaten (7-0-1) Todd McPhee, 172½, San Diego, pulled off another win when he kayoed James Hardwick, 184, Phoenix, in the fourth of a scheduled six. Hardwick (1-8) went down from a combination and was counted out by referee Rustich.

Kid Melo, 120), Culiacan, rallied to win a unanimous decision over Hector Diaz, 120, Tijuana, eight. Scoring: Millsap 77-76; Rustich 77-75; Rodriguez 78-76. Pat Russell, referee.

Jorge Rodriguez, 124, Bell, won a five-round unanimous decision over Willie Garcia, 124, San Diego. Scoring: Russell 50-46; Rustich 49-46; Rodriguez 50-45. Millsap, referee.

Matchmaker: Guillermo Mayen.
Physician: Michael Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
(10-18-88)

▶**INGLEWOOD**—The Forum—**Rodolfo Aguilar**, 139, Panama City, won a 10-round split decision over **Terrence Alli**, 140, Englewood, New Jersey, in a Forum super lightweight quarter-final bout. A draw would have been a fair result with Alli (37-6-2) coming forward and the lighter-punching Aguilar (21-2) picking up points on the move. Scoring: Lou Filippo 97-93 Aguilar; Robert Byrd 96-94 Alli; Rudy Jordan 97-95 Aguilar. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Rocky Alonso, 132, Bakersfield, fought surprisingly well to unanimously outpunch willing Gustavo Lopez, 130, Los Angeles, over eight crowd-pleasing rounds. Lopez (10-18-5) took everything Alonso (30-22-1) could offer and, as usual, came slugging back. Scoring: Robert Byrd 77-75; Hal Rickards 77-75; Dr. James Jen-Kin 80-73. Jordan, referee.

Another punishing war saw Adan Felix Estrada, 148, Montebello, grind down Jorge Rivera, 146, Monterey Park, in :35 of the ninth of a scheduled 10. Conditioning caught up to Rivera (12-5-1) in the ninth when a right sent him flying across the ring and flat on his back. Felix (12-3-2) was slightly ahead (77-75, 77-75, 77-76) after eight rounds of non-stop toe-to-toe slugging Jen-Kin, referee.

Always entertaining Robert Lewis, 137, Los Angeles, clinched a unanimous verdict over Robert Smith, 137, San Diego, with a crunching sixth and final round knockdown. But it looked bad for Lewis (11-14-3) early when he was floored in the second. However, the shorter fighter continued to press and Smith (3-11-1) lost heart from the third. Scoring: Jen-Kin 57-54; Byrd 58-54; Rickards 58-54. Filippo, referee.

Javier Macias, 123, North Hollywood, was a very one-sided unanimous winner over game Alberto Cuellar, 127, Los Angeles, four. Macias (8-4) floored Cuellar (8-3) in the first, second and fourth. Byrd, referee.

Sergio Lopez, 147½, Glendale, won a hard-fought four-round split decision over Steve Barreras, 148, Albuquerque. Barreras (1-1) made a good start, but could not stay with Lopez (4-0), who maintained a fast pace throughout. Byrd, referee.

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Physicia; Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
(10-24-88)

▶**RESEDA**—The Country Club—Improving 19-year-old **Armando Baeza**, 133, Norwalk, scored the biggest win of his career when he unanimously outpointed favored **Mike Zena,**, 134, Hayward, 10. Zena (14-2-1), who had trouble making weight, started slowly and went down from a right in the fourth. Baeza, winless in his first three U.S. starts, is now 12-3-1. Scoring: Robert Byrd 97-93; Chuck Hassett 95-94; Dick Young 97-92. John Thomas, referee.

It is always exciting when Floyd Weaver, 154, Diamond Bar, is involved and his second-round (1:45) win over Roberto Garcia, 147¾, Bell Gardens, was no exception. Weaver (6-1-2) was decked in the first, but his power and speed overwhelmed Garcia (7-15-3) in the following stanza. Byrd refereed the scheduled six-rounder.

Jorge Rodriguez, 124, Bell, unanimously outpointed Kid Melo, 122, Culiacan, over eight uneventful rounds.. The more stylish Rodriguez (11-10-2) landed more blows, while the stocky Melo (19-12-4) was the harder puncher. Scoring: Thomas 79-74; Young 79-70; Hassett 80-72. Byrd, referee.

Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
Matchmakers: Obdulio Munoz & Larry Goossen.
Physicians: Robert Karns & Mario Ficarola.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
(10-25-88)

▶**IRVINE**—Marriott—**Young Dick Tiger**, 150, Hollywood, unanimously outscored Kenny Lopez, 151, San Jose, over 10 hard rounds. Tiger (26-6) lost the first two rounds, but carried the fight to his opponent and took control from the third. Lopez (16-10) won the sixth and the 10th on all cards to make the scoring (Frank Rustich 97-93; Pat Connolly 96-94; Vince Delgado 97-94) close. Dr. Ja'mes Jen-Kin, referee.

Virgilio Urquidez, 140, Maywood, landed more and harder punches to unanimously outpoint Tadasu Ishihara, 138, Tokyo, eight. Ishihara was down in the second and lost a point for fouls in the third. Scoring: Rustich 79-71; Hal Rickards 79-71; Delgado 79-71. Connolly, referee.

Ernie Chavez, 148, Huntington Beach, unanimously outpointed Vince Wilkerson, 155, Los Angeles, four, all three officials scoring 39-36. Chavez (1-0) won every round but lost a point for hitting Wilkerson (1-4) low in the second. Rustich, referee.

Don Coats, 241, Palo Alto, kayoed Rocky Pepeli, 220, Sherman Oaks, in the first of a scheduled six. Pepeli (3-1) was out cold for 30 seconds. Coats (5-5) also scored two earlier knockdowns. Delgado, referee.

Martin Perez, 118, Chino, stopped Wilfred Tojin, 120, Lynwood, also in the first of a scheduled four. Perez (3-1) floored debuting Tojin, but referee Rustich's intervention seemed premature.

Jesus Caro, 136, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Ricardo Cruz, 135, Highland, four, all three officials scoring 39-37. Both were winless in two previous bouts. Delgado, referee.

Promoter: Don Fraser.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Physicians: Michael Deluca & Michael Ficarola.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
(10-27-88)

▶**REDONDO BEACH**—Aviation Gym—Ricky Romero, 117, Torrance, relied on his jab to unanimously outpoint Javier Diaz, 119½, Piedras Negras, 10. Romero (15-0) had used similar tactics to defeat Diaz (40-15) four months earlier. All three officials scored 96-94. Lou Filippo, referee.

Keith McMurray, 180, San Bernadino, kayoed Phil Paolina, 178, Hermosa Beach, in 1:36 of the second of a scheduled four. McMurray (3-3) floored Paolina (3-2) twice with right hands. Kenny Davis, referee.

Allen Santana, 128, Redondo Beach, unanimously outpointed Alberto Mora, 128, Los Angeles, four, all officials scoring 39-37. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Debuting Mario Sulorio, 142, Santa Paula, kayoed Lawrence Farmer, 141, Los Angeles, in 1:43 of the first of a scheduled four. Farmer (0-5) was floored by a right. Tony Guitron, referee.

Promoter: John Ellis.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
Physicians: Michael Deluca & Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: John Liechty. .
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
(10-28-88)

▶**SAN DIEGO**—Princess Hotel—Russell Mitchell, 147, Paso Robles, regained the California welterweight title with a third-round (1:11) knockout over Ray Taylor, 147, San Diego. Mitchell floored Taylor (10-5-2) with a jab, and moments later the vacant championship was decided by a southpaw right which stretched the last-minute substitute. Larry Rosadilla, referee.

A final-round knockdown carried L.J. Candy, 149¾, San Diego, to an eight-round majority win over Carlton Brooks, 151, Los Angeles. Candy (8-6-1) is unbeaten in his last eight starts. Brooks fell to 9-4-2. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Robert Olvera, 146, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Bryan Davenport, 144, El Paso, four. Davenport (10-11-1) won the first round, Olvera (2-2) the next three. Raul Caiz, referee.

Tosand Jewell, 156, Los Angeles, kayoed Rafael Espinosa, 154½, San Diego, in 2:25 of the third of a scheduled five. Jewell (8-3), ahead on points, decked Espinosa (1-3-1) with a right. Pat Russell, referee.

Willie Garcia, 122, San Diego, was a four-round majority (39-38, 39-38, 38-38) victor over Jaime DeLaTorre, 122, Phoenix. Jen-Kin, referee.

Oscar Viscarra, 159, San Diego, knocked out Deke Palma, 159, Phoenix, with a left hook in :23 of the second of a scheduled four. Russell, referee.

Promoter: Bob Karan.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Physician: William Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
(11-10-88)

DEAN LOHUIS

COLORADO

▶**DENVER**—Raddison Hotel—Joey Olivo was on hand to meet Denver's Ron Cisneros in a 10-round main event, but Cisneros' legal problems prevented him from arriving.

Denver's Felipe Garcia, 124, was to have met Donnie Brooks, but Brooks apparently stepped into an open manhole as he missed the weigh-in and could not be anywhere found. And so, amid the promise of disaster, Roy Muniz took the bout on a couple of hours notice,

the contest was upgraded to an eight-round main and proved to be a satisfying affair.

Muniz, 130, Denver, took the fight to Garcia, forcing Garcia to work off the ropes and out of the corners, which Felipe seemed content to do, counterpunching effectively but slowing the pace with constant holds. Had Muniz displayed any kind of left he almost certainly would have won the contest. But his one-handed assault was largely blunted. Garcia had only his starboard side to protect and an open exit to his right to where he would glide to escape Muniz' pounding and stage his own brief offensive bursts before falling back into his defensive shell. Garcia took the last round and was fortunate to come out with a draw. The judges split their ballots, one Muniz, one Garcia, one even. The crowd was decidedly Muniz and a rematch would be welcome.

Billy Martinez, 134, Albany, Ore., applied a frightful beating to Denver's Benji Vigil, 134, only to be declared a loser. In the first, Martinez popped Vigil almost without answer before dropping him to a knee near round's end. Martinez then made the mistake of punching Vigil while the fighter was down. Time was called, officials consulted and disqualification mulled as four or five minutes passed before referee Magarito Berzoza made a decision to deduct a point from Martinez and allow the bout to resume. A revived Vigil fought back well in the second but the fateful third was all Martinez when, at the bell, a gruesome split appeared on young Billy's forehead. Ring doctor Russ Simpson stopped the bout forthwith. It was obvious that such a severe wound could come from only a butt or a hammer, but neither the officials nor the referee had seen either and Vigil was awarded a TKO in four. That decision is under review.

An exciting match between Denver's Anthony Barela, 118, and Mexico's Jorge Martinez, 117, ended in similar fashion. Jorge followed a looping right with a butt, reopening a nasty gash over Barela's left eye and causing the bout to be called. The fight had been hotly contested up to that point, and although Martinez was ahead on two of the cards, Barela was by no means out of the hunt. Discussions ended in declaring Martinez a winner at 2:38 of the fifth of the scheduled six-rounder. A tough break for Barela and for the fans, who had been enjoying a terrific battle.

The show's opener saw Bobby Brewer, 135, Denver, pound out an easy victory over Leo Rodriguez, 132, Denver. Brewer is 3-0.

Promoter: Lupita Enterprises Promotion.
Referees: Novar Garcia & Magarito Berzoza.
Judges: Joe Williams, Carlos Landos & Ed Walsh.
Timekeeper: Aurelio Martinez.
Physician: Russ Simpson.
Announcer: Joe Garcia.
(11-18-88)

EL WALSH

CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD**—Sheraton Hotel Ballroom—Gentleman John Scully added a fifth victory to an unbeaten record by stopping rugged Frank Ambrose of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in four rounds.

The Hartford suburbanite admitted the Bay Stater was his toughest pro foe even though he had dropped Ambrose twice in earlier rounds before stopping him with a withering assault. The 162-pound Windsor walloper dropped his bullying rival coming in with a right cross to the jaw in the first, and Ambrose was staggering as he rose at five. A left capping a three-punch cluster in the third sat Ambrose on his rump, partly through the ropes.

Long-range potshots signaled the possible end early in the fourth and final round and Scully staggered his gutsy rival with combos, referee Matt Mullaney leaping in to halt the impending massacre at 2:19.

In the co-feature, **Troy Wortham**, 156, Hartford, boosted his mark to 29-1 by stopping Mike Caminiti, 160, Troy, New York, in the second of a slated six. It was the third win for Troy, who is on a comeback after devoting 2½ years to concentrating on getting a college degree. As he had promised afte rthe last bout, Wortham shed seven pounds to prove much sharper, and promised even more weight loss, saying, "I feel more comfortable as a welterweight.„

Caminiti, a deaf mute, stepped out of range and signaled with his hands he could not continue. The time was 2:28.

Attorney F. Mac Buckley, a boxer at Holy Cross College, again was a one-man band as promoter, manager and trainer of a boxing stable, staging another in a seris of Irish Knights Boxing programs. Irish Sean Malone and Irish John Fortin joined Scully as winners, justifying the promotion's lag. For the third time, all winners came out of the Green Corner, adding to its lucky Irish label. With the Civic Center already booked, Buckley was limited to the 551 seats in the hotel ballroom, which is attached to the Civic Center by an overhead bridge. He had a sellout long before the show, with ticket scalping reported.

Malone, 137, Wallingford, stopped Tony Williams, 133, Bridgeport, at 1:31 of the third.

Fortin, 138, Springfield, Massachusetts, halted Carlos Rivera, 133, Troy, in two.

Angel Gonzales, 115, Hartford, stopped Hector Rosario, 120, Hartford, in the fourth.

Nate Woods, 147, Hartford, halted James Gibson, 152, Waterbury, in 35 seconds of the second round.

Jonathan Bacote, 138, Hartford, outpointed Alberto Alicia, 135, Troy, in four.

Promoter: F. Mac Buckley.
Officials: Matt Mullaney, Lou Bogash, Walt Longo & Glenn Feldman.
Timekeeper: Lou Dell.
Physicians: Steven M. Stein & James O'Brien.
Announcer: Brad Davis.
Attendance: 551. Gross: $12,495.
(11-25-88)

JOSEPH CASSANO

INDIANA

▶**INDIANAPOLIS**—Sherwood Club—In a bout billed for the Mid-American championship, titleholder Mark Brannon, 130, Indianapolis, and Jorge Acosta, also 130, Denver, went to war from the opening bell.

Acosta was floored once in Round Two. Early in Round Three Brannon was decked, barely beating the 10-count. After clearing his head, Brannon dropped his opponent twice in that stanza. In Round Five Brannon had Acosta on the canvas two times, the last for the full count. The end came at 2:05.

Tony Delk, 176, Muncie, won a grueling four-round split decision over Richard Wilson, also 176, Indianapolis. Veteran trainer Chris McIntosh was in Delk's corner after a four-year absence from the fight game.

Hard-hitting Tim Bryan, 158, New Palestine, Indiana, KO'd awkward Ira Hathway, 155, Indianapolis, at 0:30 of the third.

Kevin Sedam, 134, Indianapolis, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Wolf, 135, Hammond, in an action packed four-rounder.

Johnny Wolcott, 125, Indianapolis, slipped by with a four-round split decision over Randy Reedy, 131, Terre Haute.

Promoter: Fred Berns.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: Bill Vaughn & George DeFabis.
Judges: Monte Cox, John Caldwell & Gary Merritt.
Attendance: 369.
(11-15-88)

▶**ELKHART**—Brook Dale Club—Indiana lightweight champion Gary Gamble, 135, Indianapolis, put his belt on the line against Norman "Psycho" Bates, 134, Elkhart.

Bates proved to be too much for Gamble early, but Gamble went into a defensive mode to survive. In Round Eight after winning the first seven rounds, Bates was severely cut over his left eye. "Psycho" decided at the start of Round Nine to finish the show. Bates, like a man possessed, put a two-fisted attack on Gamble, stopping the state champ at 0:35.

In a real crowd-pleasing bout, Tim "Dough Boy" Tomashek, 189, Green Bay, Wisconsin, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Jerry Harris, 182, Elkhart. The scoring was 80-72, 80-73 and 78-74.

Brian Young, 143, Elkhart, received a unanimous four-round nod over Jim Kazmarek, 142, South Bend.

Jeff Bumpus, 140, Elkhart, dominated Don Thacker, also 140, Kendallville. Thacker did not answer the bell for Round Five.

Keith Banks, 156, Indianapolis, won a four-round decision over Kevin Curry, 155, Elkhart.

Promoter: Fred Berns.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: George DeFabis & Bill Vaughn.
Judges: Monte Cox, Harold Paton & Gary Merritt.
Attendance: 500 (est.).
(11-16-88)

GARY L. MERRITT

LOUISIANA

▶**METARIE**—Jefferson Orleans—Two undefeated local favorites, light heavyweight Dominick Carter and middleweight David Collet, headlined a six-bout card, appearing in respective six-round co-feature events.

Carter improved to 11-0 by stopping David Bates of Odessa, TX, at 2:32 of the sixth round. The loss drops Bates to 5-3.

Collet picked up his fifth knockout in six pro victories with a fifth-round stoppage of Keith Earl of West Monroe, LA.

Featherweight Giovanni Vaccarella, St. Bernard, LA, raised his mark to 7-2 after a four-round decision over Willie Richardson of Mobile, AL.

Welterweights John "Death Wish" Gardner, Terrytown, LA, and Willow Thomas of Meridian, MS, fought to a four-round draw.

Middleweight Glen Modicue of West Monroe, LA, won a four-round decision over New Orleanian Jamie Fernandez.

Welterweight Tony Franklin, New Orleans, outpointed Jamie Farthing, Mobile, AL, four.

Promoter: Ronnie Bonano.
(10-25-88)

▶**METARIE**—Landmark Hotel—**Glenn McCrory** of London had no trouble, impressively beating Oklahoma heavyweight Lorenzo Boyd. McCrory put his opponent down twice before the conclusion at 2:35 of the second round; scheduled 10.

In a slugfest, Sylvester White, 167, Gulfport, MS, handed Dominick Carter his first loss in 12 pro fights. Carter, 167, Metarie, LA, was halted by a left hook at 57 seconds of Round Seven. The victory lifted White's mark to 9-4. The loss for Carter came in his first scheduled 10-round event.

Undefeated David Collett, 156, Metarie, LA, moved to 8-0 with a six-round decision over James Hughes, 152, Mobile, AL. Hughes becomes only the second fighter to go the distance against the hard-punching Collet.

Heavyweight Al Evans, Houston, stopped John Cannon, Slidel, LA, in the third round of their scheduled six.

Welterweight Richard Moore, Meridian, MS, halted Keith Williams, New Orleans, in the third; scheduled four.

Middleweight Tony Franklin, New Orleans, took a four-round verdict over Mobile, AL's Griffin Coleman.

Promoter: Ronnie Bonano.
(11-15-88)

STEPHEN DeFELICE

▶**BURAS**—Buras Auditorium — Local lightweight **John Duplessis** improved to 29-1 with a seven-round TKO of Albuquerque, New Mexico's Harold Romero.

Romero, 14-7, was knocked down in the seventh. He got up, but a barrage by Duplessis forced the referee to step in.

Middleweight David Collet of Metairie moved to 7-0 with a first-round blastout of Charles Rice of Port Arthur, Texas.

Light heavyweight James "Gumbo" Fernandez won a split six-round decision over Venice, Louisiana's Tracey Barrios.

Giovanni Vaccarella of St. Bernard stopped Colin Thomlinson of Pensacola, Florida, in the fifth round of a featherweight match.
(11-10-88)

MARYLAND

▶**BALTIMORE**—Teamsters Local 557 Hall — After being out of action for close to a year due to a substance abuse suspension from the Maryland Athletic Commission, Eugene "Sonny" Speed made a triumphant return in winning an eight-round unanimous decision over a quality opponent in Kent Hardee from Winston-Salem, N.C. Speed, 130, fighting out of Palmer Park, Md., was previously managed by **Sugar Ray Leonard**. He remains undefeated with a 9-0 record, seven by knockout, and one no contest.

"I think I did very well after having been off a year and fighting a main event against a very tough opponent and winning unanimously" said Speed. "I tried to put him away but he was very strong so I just continued to hit him with combinations and move." The strategy worked well for Speed, and both he and his new manager, Dave Jacobs, were quite pleased with his performance.

While still sporting an excellent record of 11-2-1, six KOs, Hardee, 130½, felt he was more aggressive but didn't throw enough punches to sway the decision his way. "It's all in the judges' eyes," said Kent. "You have judges that score on aggressiveness. You have judges that score on style. I think it was a matter of three judges scoring on style."

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The stalking Hardee appeared to hurt Speed a couple of times with some telling blows, but it just wasn't enough as Speed took control of the fight, staying on his toes and repeatedly landing with jabs and combinations. Both judges Ray Klingmeyer and Larry Barrett had it 78-73, while Terry Moore saw it 77-75. *The Ring* scored 78-75 for Speed. Ref. Frank Kelly.

The remainder of the card also provided plenty of excitement and action to earn, in my opinion, the card of the year in Maryland.

Maryland light heavyweight champion, Mike Lee, 185½, Bowie, Md., won a six-round unanimous decision over Dean Moore 185½, Forest City, NC. Lee improves his record to 13-7-1, four KOs, while Moore drops to 8-8-1, one no decision. Moore had been in with such notable opponents as Tyrone Frazier, Lenny Lapaglia and Leslie Stewart. Ref: Milton Greene.

Eddie "Speedy" Van Kirk, 143, earned a six-round unanimous decision over the game William "Little Wolf" Reid, 142. Both fighters hailed from Baltimore. Van Kirk upped his record to 16-5, nine KOs. Ref: Larry Barrett.

Keith "The Diamond" Grimes, 134½, Baltimore, improved his record and knockout percentage to 9-2-1, seven KOs by stopping Han "Sugar" Kim, 138, Silver Spring, Md, on a TKO at 2:25 in the third of their scheduled six. Ref: Terry Moore.

Middleweight Dan Sherry, 159½, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, looked very impressive in knocking out Warren "Pony Boy" Knotts, 159¾, Winston-Salem, NC, at 2:18 of the first round in their scheduled four. Knotts was hurt along the ropes and was repeatedly tagged by left hands when he fell to the canvas and couldn't get up by the count of 10. Ref: Ray Klingmeyer.

The journey back to their home town of Charlotte, NC, was no doubt a happy one for the Mingo brothers, both winning four-round unanimous decisions. Kertis "Sugar K" Mingo, 171, won over Calvin "Polk" Simon, 171, Washington, DC, and southpaw Cedrick "Main Man" Mingo, 123¼, proved too much for William "Ski" Jasnowski, 125, Temple Hills, Md, who dropped to 2-1.

Promoter: Baltimore Professional Bouts Inc./Stuart Satosky.

Matchmaker: Johnny Bos.

Announcer: Tony Baldoni.

Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Harry Cecchini.

Judges: Milton Greene, Ray Klingmeyer, Larry Barrett, Terry Moore & Frank Kelly.

Attendance: 650.

(12-1-88)

▶**GLEN BURNIE**—La Fontaine Bleu—Chuck Sturm, still bothered by pain in his right shoulder from tendonitis, won a shutout unanimous decision over Marvin Ladson from Winston-Salem, N.C.

Relying on his left hook to get inside, the "Pit Bull" from Glen Burnie mounted a relentless attack, roasting his opponent's ribs with endless combinations. What Sturm lacks in punching power, he makes up in conditioning and constantly being on the attack.

"I thought my best tactic would be to stay inside and keep busy," Sturm said. "I always believe in conditioning. I think that's 80% of the fight."

Originally prepared to move up in competition by taking on tough Sebastian Wilburn from Benton Harbor, Michigan, Chuck had to put on another six pounds when Wilburn couldn't attend and the only available opponent was Ladson, whose normal fighting weight is 152. Ladson came in at 145, Sturm, comfortable at 134, came in at 140.

Frank Gilbert, Sturm's manager said, "At this time, Chuck is not going to knock anybody out with just one punch. He's not a real devastating puncher. He is a damaging puncher. We have to work on the left jab more with the straight right hand behind it. Hooking off the jab, jabbing more and with an accumulation of punches it will start coming." Sturm improves his record to 14-2-1, five KOs. Ref: Terry Moore.

In a rematch, heavyweight Garing Lane, 270, Hillcrest, Md., won a four-round split decision over Baltimore's Warren "Chico" Thompson, 226½. Their previous bout also ended with Lane winning a split decision. Tom Kelly and Milton Greene both had it 40-36, Lane, while Frank Kelly saw it 39-37 Thompson. Ref: Larry Barrett.

Tyrone "Rifleman" Vance, 158½, evened his record at 1-1 in winning a four-round unanimous decision over Lou Barber, 158¼, 1-3. Both fighters, fighting out of Baltimore, tired early with the much taller Vance looking to land the one big punch that never came. Ref: Milton Greene.

The remaining three bouts saw all six combatants making pro debuts in scheduled four-rounders.

Randy Edge, 159, Forestville, MD., won unanimously over Joe Moore 152½, Lorain, OH, in a bout that provided plenty of action. Ref: Frank Kelly.

Luke Cooper, 136, Hagerstown, Md, won a unanimous decision over Paul Thompson, 135, Lorain, OH. Both fighters came out like jumping beans and displayed a lot of heart. However, Cooper proved the better man, knocking his opponent down in both the first and second rounds in earning the decision.

Referee Kelly had to finally stop the opening bout at 1:44 of the fourth round when it looked like the arm weary Butch Kelly, 164, Balt., Md., was getting tired of hitting Cecil Green, 157, Hagerstown, Md., who was offering no defense.

A tremendous four-round exhibition was put on by two quality welterweights from the Baltimore area. Vincent Pettway, 32-2, and Tracy Muse, 9-1, sparred. Had they been allowed to continue, it could have been considered bout of the year in Maryland.

Promoter: Classic Boxing Entertainment, Maryland Showcase Division (Max Kisner).

Matchmaker: Danny Kisner.

Announcer: Tony Baldoni.

Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Harry Cecchini.

Judges: Tom Kelly, Milton Greene, Larry Barrett, Frank Kelly & Terry Moore.

Attendance: 950 (est.).

(12-7-88)

FRED BLUMSTEIN

MICHIGAN

▶**AUBURN HILLS**—The Palace—The Kronk crusade was shocked to the giblets as former WBC welterweight titleholder **Milton McCrory** was stopped at 2:49 of the seventh round by relentless **Joaquin Velasquez** of the Dominican Republic.

McCrory took some terrific shots to the temple and jaw as Thomas Hearns and Emanuel Steward watched McCrory careen around the ring, his career unraveling. McCrory offered no protest when Steward hopped onto the apron to call a halt as McCrory fell to 33-4-1 and Velasquez, who weighed 159, improved to 20-2-1.

The co-main event saw the imposing figure of **Lindell Holmes**, 163½, perform ring surgery on Detroit's **Phillip Morefield**, 164¾. Morefield became a bloody mess pursuing Holmes' USBA super middleweight belt, finally being stopped at 35 seconds of the sixth. Holmes is 39-5-1, while Morefield falls to 19-3.

Camden, New Jersey's **Mike Tinley**, 160, garnered a TKO in the ninth of a scheduled 10 from Kenneth Releford, 158, Fort Worth, Texas. Releford was down in the first and eighth, falling to 27-10 as Tinley improved to 22-3.

The Thanksgiving string of TKOs continued when Gerald McClellan, 160¼, Detroit, improved to 5-0, stopping Greenville, South Carolina's John Gordon, 159½, at 1:45 of the second. Gordon, 5-4-1, was down twice.

Mike "The Irish Express" Grable made his debut in convincing fashion with a KO at 1:26 of the first over Lansing's John Perault, 142. Like the fine broth of a lad he is, Grable planted a kiss on his dear mother Rose's cheek after, just like in the movies.

Golden Gloves champion Fabian Williams, 158, Detroit, stopped Cleveland's Alonzo Patrick, 160, who failed to answer the bell for the fourth after crashing face-first to the canvas from a right in the third. Both were making pro debuts.

Another debut resulted in success for Efrain Canales, 122, Archbold, Ohio, who won a unanimous decision over Bicente Arias Rodrigue, 118, Dominican Republic. Rodrigue fell to 4-3 after the four-rounder.

Local favorite "Iron" Mike Dersa, 133, went to 2-0 with a second-round KO over Sheryce Countryman, 139¼, Detroit. The 18-year-old Dersa ended it at 2:14.

Promoter: Tommy Vaca/Ringside Promotions/Kronk-Escot Boxing.

Physicians: Donald Kaplan & Sherbin.

Announcer: Wally Jackson.

Judges: Rich Fisher, Frank Garza & Herman McKalpain.

Referees: Dale Grable & Bob Fisher.

Timekeepers: Joe Kollins & William Hunter Jr.

TV: FNN/SCORE & PASS Cable.

Attendance: 8,912.

(11-25-88)

▶**MT. CLEMENS**—Thomas Crystal Gardens — With a fancy bit of juggling program and participants, Duke Durden put together an entertaining show featuring a triple main event.

The class of the ABC Promotions stable, Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson, established himself as a possible contender with a 10-round unanimous decision over Carlos Castro, 126, Los Angeles. Castro was brave, but open, falling to 24-7 as Johnson went to 14-0.

As a birthday present to himself, "Dangerous"

Courtney Hooper, 141½, Detroit, took his 22nd win against C.J. Duffy, 143, Dallas, in workmanlike fashion. Though bothered by a cough, Hooper was able to control the action for the unanimous decision as Duffy fell to 10-4.

Darrin "The Mongoose" Morris got a lesson in keeping the left up and concentrating on basics instead of showboating when Durwin Richards, 150, Houston, dropped him with a hook in the first. Morris used his jab, boxing well over the next nine rounds to get the nod from judges John Chaulk and Tom Paruszkiewicz, 95-94, though judge Randy Ericson saw it for Richards, 98-93.

The crowd of 385 plus standees saw Ricky Joe Clark, 126, Longview, Texas, winning a majority decision over Ashley Dancy, 126, Las Vegas, for a successful pro debut. The 6-0 Dancy fell to 2-6, though the 6-3 Clark was cut under his left eye by an unintentional butt.

Eric "The Whip" Curry, 214, Detroit, TKO'd Aaron "The Indian" Brown, 198, Oklahoma City, at 2:18 of the second to move to 19-2. Brown, 11-10-1, took a standing eight in the first. "The Indian" danced into the ring, punched the corner pads, grunted loudly, did calisthenics, jumped around some more and scowled at Curry, who then commenced to beat him up.

Ann Arbor native James Toney, 160, made his debut in impressive fashion as his combinations dropped Stephen Lee, 159, Tyler, Texas, for a TKO 40 seconds into the second stanza. Lee is 1-4.

Former Golden Gloves champ Hiskia Swartz, 155, Detroit, turned pro at the expense of Tyrone Marshall, 156½, Denver, who said he was returning after a four — or five-year layoff and wasn't sure about his record. There was also a question concerning his age. But Marshall lasted into the fourth before being stopped at 1:02.

Promoter: ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker: Duke Durden.
Physicians: Donald Kaplan & Sherbin.
Timekeeper: Ken Pace.
Announcer: Joe Kollins.
Judges: Randy Ericson, John Chaulk & Tom Paruszkiewicz.
(10-26-88)

▶**DETROIT** — Cobo Arena — Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson injured both hands and collapsed in the dressing room, but wears the WBA's Continental Americas featherweight championship belt after winning a unanimous 12-round decision over Gilbert Contreras, 125¼, Fort Worth.

Johnson, 124½, was given oxygen after the herculean effort that kept him perfect at 15-0. Contreras, 125¼, wound up with a face sporting more lumps than army oatmeal as he fell to 16-6.

In the co-main event (is there ever one main event anymore?), Harold Stewart, 139, Fort Worth, performed credibly, but lost a 10-round majority decision to "Dangerous" Courtney Hooper. 140, Detroit, for the Continental Americas 140-pound belt. Hooper is 23-1, Stewart, 16-4-2.

In another co-feature on this nine-bout card, **Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead,** 122½, Detroit, took only eight of the scheduled 10 stanzas to dispose of Julian Flores, 119, San Antonio. Flores, 12-4-1, went down at the end of the seventh and couldn't answer the bell for the eighth as Snead went to 39-2. In an October 18 letter to Johnny "Ace" Smith of ABC Promotions, Robert S. Jampel, MD, PhD, director of the Kresge Eye Institute of Wayne State University wrote, "I re-examined Hurley Snead, age 29, on October 18, 1988. As you know I made the diagnosis of cataracts in both eyes on March 22, 1988.

"Mr. Snead's condition is sufficient to box. In other words, he can see adequately to box. However, it is possible that a direct blow to the eyes could cause a progression of the cataracts. Also there is no sign of retinal detachment. From the initial visit of March 1988 there has been no worsening of the cataracts."

The undercard featured Aaron "Superman" Davis, 150, The Bronx, who was brought in by Madison Square Garden's Bob Goodman to face Pensacola Florida's Larry Nichols, 150. Nichols, 9-2-1, suffered a sliced left eyebrow at the end of the fourth stanza which led to a five-round TKO for Davis, 21-0.

Former soccer forward from Namibia, Africa, Hiskia Swartz, 153½, stopped Louisville windmill Perry Adams, 154, at 1:54 of the second. Adams fell to 0-2 as Swartz, a 25-year-old Highland Park Community College student, moved to 2-0.

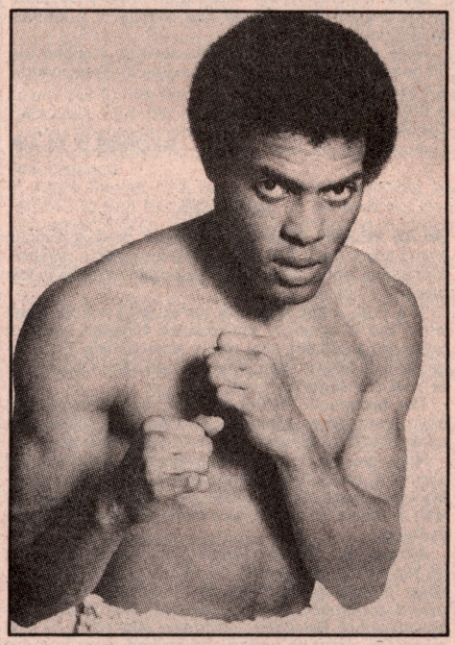
Local favorite Jeff "Sweet Ice" Styers, 136, Westland, was taken to the limit by a game Mike Flowers, 135¼, Memphis via Mississippi, but prevailed by decision for his eighth straight win.

Kansan Tony Dewar, 209, dropped like a bomb in just 41 seconds after taking a crashing left hook from Tommy Morrison, 209. Morrison, 2-0, bears watching. Dewar is 1-2.

"The Iron Sheik" Khalil Khalil, 137, lost his first, dropping a unanimous four-round decision to Denver's Bobby Brewer, 133. The Dearborn native was down for the first time in his pro career in the third round as Brewer, 2-0, hurt him with a right hook. Khalil is 4-1.

Lanky Texan Ricky Joe Clark, now fighting out of Detroit, was stopped at 1:11 of the second by Denver's Bruce Flippins, 126. Flippens worked inside the much taller Clark, 126½, and whipped in a combo to the ribs and gut that left Clark wincing and gasping for air. Referee Sam Williams administered a standing count, then stopped it, leaving Clark 1-1.

Promoters: ABC Promotions/Madison Square Garden.
Matchmakers: Duke Durden & Bob Goodman.
TV: Madison Square Garden Network, Barden Cablevision & FNN Cable.
Physicians: James Clary & Donald Kaplan.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.
Referees: Sam Williams & Merv McDonald.
Timekeepers: Joe Kollins & Ken Pace.
Judges: Jim Hooian, Chuck McHenry & Herb Ellison.
(11-30-88)



John David Jackson, now a member of the Kronk stable, scored the biggest win of his career when he stopped Lupe Aquino in the eighth round at the Cobo Arena in Detroit.

▶**DETROIT**—Cobo Arena—Amid the swirling controversy of an impending arrest of main-eventer **Lupe Aquino**, Kronkster **John David Jackson** pounded out a TKO in the eighth to garner the WBO world junior middleweight title.

The promotion was threatened by a protest by MADD, including the mother of one person killed in Aquino's Mercedes last August. After the bout, Aquino was arrested for failing to appear at a preliminary hearing on two charges of vehicular homicide and two charges of drunken driving. Two, Howard Thomas, 25, and Teresa Bello, 20, were killed when the car Aquino was driving plunged down an embankment, landing on its roof. Thomas' mother joined the protest after spending most of the day trying to get city officials to keep Aquino from fighting.

State Boxing Commissioner Stuart Kirschenbaum, explaining why Aquino was allowed to fight, said, "There is no violation of any of our rules and regulations as they pertain to Lupe Aquino. My personal feeling is that I think some things in life are more important than boxing. I think Aquino should have taken the next flight back to California."

Aquino, 154, San Diego, was beaten soundly by Jackson, 153, Detroit, who dropped him in the first and pounded him throughout before Aquino finally quit after seven rounds, dropping to 33-5. Jackson is perfect in 18 starts.

Aquino said, "My mind was never into Jackson. While I was fighting I was looking around. I really feel bad about what happened back in California. It's something I can never forget, and I don't want to forget it. The fight I was fighting was outside the ring."

In a co-feature, San Diego's Willie Wilson, 165, took local favorite **Dwight Davison** to the limit before Davison won a 10-round unanimous decision. Wilson, 14-4-1, had seizures following the bout and was taken to Receiving Hospital for treatment of hypovolemic shock. Davison, 161, upped his record to 43-2.

Kronk hopeful Stanley Longstreet, 138, remained undefeated through 15 fights as he took a unanimous eight-round decision over Eduardo Valdez, 140, Miami, who fell to 31-15.

"Irish" Mike Grable, 141, Clarkston, moved to 2-0, needing just 1:16 to dispose of Battle Creek's Charles Buggs, 142, who bugged out on his pro debut after one taste of "Irish" Mike's right hand.

Lansing's favorite son Fabian Williams also won his second in two tries, blasting out Ron Lewis, St. Louis, 165, in only 2:15. Lewis is 2-5.

Jemal Hinton, 123, Detroit, also went 2-0 by dispatching Derrick Watson, 124, Newark, Ohio, in 1:54. Watson is 0-1.

Donald Stokes made it three KOs in three tries as Bobby Jones, 134, Painesville, Ohio, fell to 7-6, succumbing at 36 seconds into the second round.

In the race to see which hometowner could end things quickest, Frank Liles, 169, Detroit, measured Barry Morris, 166, Hamilton, Ohio, in 42 seconds. Liles is 2-0, Morris, 4-5.

In a gross mismatch, Oliver "Steelman" Evans, making his pro debut at age 41, lost on a TKO to Detroit's Audrey Nelson, also debuting, in a light heavyweight bout. Wonder how Evans was signed, licensed and promoted?

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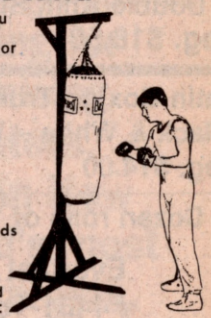

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▶**ST. PAUL**—Prom Expo Center—In a boxing show that was one of the best kept secrets in some time, veteran Mahtowa heavyweight Al Houck wiped out Boston veteran Vinnie Curto in the first round. At one time Curto was a well thought of fighter, but in the last several years he has devoted his time to being a standup comedian and movie actor. He proved to be a better comedian than fighter as Houck overwhelmed him from the start until the fight was stopped. The new promoter in town had no ads, TV shots, media stories or anything else prior to the show and the local newspaper didn't carry the results in the next day's paper. As a matter of fact, the fans didn't even know who Curto was going to fight until they got to the arena. Certainly not the profitable way to promote a show, which probably explains why there was only a handful of people in attendance.

Middleweight **Don Lee** of Milwaukee stopped Joran Keepers of Milwaukee in the second round. What was a fighter like Lee doing on this card?

Jack Basting of St. Paul stopped Jim Wisniewski of Appleton, WI in the third round of a heavyweight match.

Quincy Pratt, Bahamas lightweight, stopped Andrew Smith of Milwaukee in the first heat.

Gilbert Mitchell of Minneapolis and Andre Seymour of the Bahamas drew over four rounds of a featherweight bout.

Willie Grigsby, St. Paul featherweight, stopped the oft-beaten Eddie Meeks of Milwaukee in three rounds. It was Grigsby's pro debut.

Promoter: Pat Connelly.
(11-23-88)

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▶**LAS VEGAS**—Bally's—**Joe Lasisi** drew a smooch from Lady Luck in one of his more forgettable ring performances since establishing a permanent base in this oasis of chance.

The drab effort suddenly turned into a Yule jewel when the 31-year-old transplanted Nigerian saved a proposed world title shot with a slow-coming TKO victory over a fellow countryman named Jerry Okorodudu at 1:58 of the eighth round.

The turnaround in the 10-round light heavyweight main event came as Banner Promotions of Philadelphia completed the 1988 side of its fistic calendar in Vegas.

However, Art Pellulo, Banner's board chairman and promoter, announced his group has signed a new contract with Bally's for 18 dates at the Strip venue in '89 with an option of adding four more programs, possibly in Reno.

A crowd of 1,100 didn't like the end as Lasisi, trailing on two scorecards, raised his record to 22-0, 20 KOs, while "protecting" his status as *The Ring*'s No. 10 175-pound contender. The 22-year-old Okorodudu, now boxing out of Riverside, California, slipped to 18-6-1, nine KOs, when he turned and walked away from his opponent, protesting "I was thumbed in the left eye."

In the official scoring, all Las Vegas judges, Dave Moretti and Bill Graham voted for Okorodudu on respective 68-65 and 67-66 tallies while Hal Miller had it 67-66 for Lasisi. *The Ring's* card agreed with the latter ballot.

Lethargic most of the way, Lasisi moved Okorodudu along the ropes near the latter's corner with a volley to the head in the eighth round. When Joe drove home a right high on Okorodudu's cheek, Jerry suddenly grabbed his left eye and started to turn away.

Remembering the golden rule of boxing, "Protect yourself at all times," Lasisi rushed in on the uncertain Okorodudu and hit him with a right to the head and a left to the body.

Suddenly, the younger African native made it a poor man's "No mas, no mas," by turning his back and walking to his own corner. When referee Richard Steele waved the fight was over, the catcalls resounded throughout the Goldwyn Ballroom.

Okoro, gave the impression he had caught a thumb in the eye, but Steele dispelled such belief that irritated the crowd.

"No way, the punches were clean all the way. Lasisi threw two good rights in the eighth round, there were no illegal blows. When Okorodudu turned away, that was the fight," Steele explained.

Pellulo considered Lasisi's disappointing effort as a blessing in disguise. The Banner promoter has been dickering with J. Russell Peltz, Philly promoter who holds options on International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight champion Prince Charlie Williams.

"Peltz came here to take a look at Lasisi. It looked like he was going to be tough to deal with but after this fight, Russell is eager to sign for a spring fight," Pellulo said. "It's a good break in a way for Joe because he's a much better fighter than he showed. Williams might now be overconfident, which could help Lasisi."

The projected date is April, either at Bally's in Las Vegas or Atlantic City, with ABC televising the action live.

Miguel Diaz, who has trained Lasisi since he settled in this country more than a year ago, wasn't making excuses for his world-ranked fighter, but wanted to put the record straight.

"Joe had hurt his right shoulder more than a week ago and that's why he didn't throw the right more often. We didn't want to pull out of this fight even after he'd been treated by Dr. John Moehrle. Joe was a one-handed fighter in there, but I didn't see a thumbing. He had hurt Okorodudu early as the second round with the right. And in the end, it was two good rights that finished the job."

The shorter Okorodudu was meeting Lasisi for the second time as a pro and again the ending was not without controversy. In his fourth career outing, Jerry meet Joe in Lagos, Nigeria July 26, 1985, breaking his right arm in the second round in a freak mishap. Determinedly, Okorodudu continued on until the eighth round when the pain became intolerable and Nigeria's 1984 Los Angeles Olympian was forced to retire.

Okorodudu, relying on head and shoulder feints, was most effective working inside, but his wildness with leaping right and left hooks enabled Lasisi to score effectively with his left jab at long range.

There were no knockdowns and there were no serious markings other than Okorodudu's left eye swelling underneath.

Topping the undercard was the promising right hand of middleweight Danny Trevino, 161, of Fort Worth, Texas. Trevino made it five straight as a pro when he TKO'd Tosand Jewell, 164, Los Angeles, at 51 seconds of the third round in a scheduled six-rounder.

Trevino jolted Jewell every time he landed the right, starting late in the first round. Jewell went into a sitting position midway through the second round, and again just before the bell. Steele did not count on the latter although it was clear Jewell was hurt and reeling.

When Trevino opened the third round by driving Jewell into a neutral corner, Steele stopped the bout. The victim dropped to 7-4.

Les Fabri, 125, Las Vegas, overcame a first-round knockdown to score a unanimous six-round decision over Martin Corrubia, 124, Phoenix, Arizona, who fell to 4-3.

Jeff Mayweather, 133, Las Vegas, normally a stick-and-mover, showed rare punching power to flatten Recardo Cruz, 135¾, Los Angeles, at 3:01 of the third round in a slated four-rounder. When Mayweather, now 6-0-1, scored flush with a left-right to Cruz's chin, Steele didn't bother to count. The Arizona boxer skidded to 4-3.

Harold Miller, 134, Las Vegas, posted a unanimous four-round decision over Shannon Sawyer, 134, Las Vegas in the walk-out bout. Miller is now 2-1-1 with one KO, Sawyer 0-2-1.
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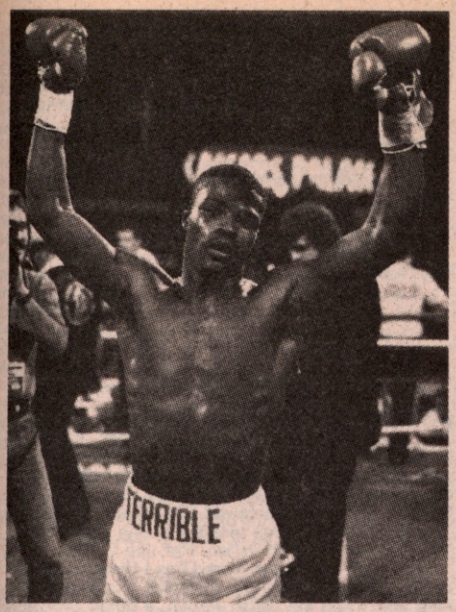

Streaking Terry Norris celebrates his one-punch knockout over Steve Little for the vacant NABF super welterweight crown.
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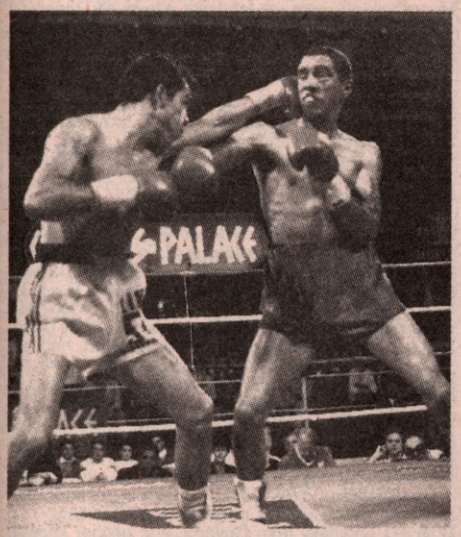

Argentina's Pedro Decima (left) battered Robert Shannon into a TKO defeat when the 1980-84 Olympic Trials champion failed to answer the bell for the fifth round.
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▶**LAS VEGAS**—Caesars Palace—When **Terry Norris** laid a picture-perfect right hand on Steve Little's jaw, the impact immediately delivered the vacant NABF super welterweight crown.

There were times the 21-year-old Norris showed a tendency to fight Little's fight in the scheduled 12, but the outcome was never in doubt as Norris swept the first five rounds on two cards. But scoring became academic in the sixth when Little came out punching with two rights before Norris, 151, threw perhaps the best punch of his young career, a searing right that lifted the Reading, Pennsylvania import off his feet. Little's legs kicked high in the air as he landed on his shoulders.

Little, 154, managed to assume a sitting position as referee Carlos Padilla administered the count. Eyes glazed, Little kept shaking his head indicating he was all right, but he was unable to rise before Padilla tolled 10 at 1:07. Norris imporved to 19-2 with 12 KOs as Little dropped to 16-9-1 with four KOs. It was only the second time Little had been stopped.

Having trouble with his equilibrium leaving the ring, Little was taken to Valley Hospital for precautionary X-rays. All tests were negative and the unmarked boxer was released.

Norris' victory enabled him to join his brother, Orlin, as the NABF's only brother championship duo. Orlin won the heavyweight title in 1987.

"Little was a little tougher than I expected, but when I caught him with that right I felt it all the way up my arm and I didn't have any doubt that he wouldn't be able to beat the count," said Norris.

Veteran trainer Carmine Graziano, who handles Little, said, "Norris threw one of the best right hands I've seen in years. It was well executed, the timing was perfect, the leverage, the snap was there. Little never saw the punch coming and he was separated from his senses."

Pedro Decima, 122, Tucaman, Argentina, returned to world-class form when his power punching left Robert Shannon, 122, Lynnwood, Washington, unable to answer the bell for the fifth of a slated 12. The 24-year-old Decima rebounded impressively from his eight-round TKO loss to **Louie Espinoza,** improving to 20-2 with 15 KOs as the 26-year-old Shannon, the 1980-84 Olympic Trials champion, slipped to 16-4-2 with eight KOs.

Decima didn't have any problems with Shannon's hit-and-run southpaw style, unloading mean hooks to the body. Though sometimes erratic in his punching, the Latin shook Shannon with a combination late in the third and jolted him with a booming right at the bell. Shannon's left eye was little more than a slit as he came out for the fifth, and a bloody nose left his face smeared. After the round, Johnny Tocco, filling in for trainer Angelo Dundee, and Dr. Donald Romeo agreed Shannon could go no more, suffering his first loss inside the distance.

Gabe Ruelas, 122, North Hollywood, California, improved to 6-0, four KOs, when he knocked out Beto Almaguer, 120½, Tucson, with a right to the ribs in just 2:48. Almaguer fell to 5-3 with one KO.

Randy "Cowboy" Leaks, 194, San Diego, escaped a near first-round knockout by Dino Homsey, 201, Las Vegas, to capture a six-round majority decision. Leaks is 9-0 with five KOs, while Homsey is square at 5-5-1 with four KOs.

Sean McLain, 217, Albuquerque, dropped Sylvester Ramsey, 252, Las Vegas, twice before the latter's corner threw in the towel after just 1:47.

(12-9-88)

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Showboat—**Mike Johnson** seems to have a penchant for slipping into adversity before exploding to do his best work. It happened against Engels Pedroza and a repeat occurred when Johnson closed out 1988 against a rugged hombre named Vincent Releford.

Though Johnson considered "this one a more technical fight than Pedroza," the developments were almost identical, Releford, 142½, surprising the gutty Michigan college student in the closing minutes of the opening round with a right that dropped him at mid-ring. As in the Pedroza matchup, Johnson fell behind until gradually wearing down David Gorman's determined fighter with double left hooks and uppercuts.

Going into the eighth, Johnson needed a knockout to win as he did against Pedroza. Nobody knew it at the time, but the beginning of the end came early in that round when Johnson hurt Releford. Just before the bell, Releford pitched between the ropes, but referee Carlos Padilla did not rule a knockdown.

The end was merciful. Releford, still shaky coming out for the ninth, caught a left hook to the body, the same shot to the jaw, and a right to the head. Clearly hurt, he fell face-first to the canvas. Releford tried to get up, but lurched into the ropes, halting Padilla's count just 39 seconds into the round.

Johnson, 142, blamed his slow start on eating too much before the fight, and he did vomit between the sixth and seventh rounds.

"I ate too much," said Johnson, who notched his 12th KO in an 18-1-2 record. "That was my fault and it almost cost me the fight." Releford is 14-3-1 with eight KOs.

Johnson's trainer Stacey McKinley said, "When you reach the world-class level of the pros you have to take a punch. If you get knocked down, so what? That's all part of boxing. Joe Louis got knocked down. Mike has got the power, plus an iron chin and an iron heart."

In an eight-round semi-windup **Akeem Anifowoshe**, 118, Las Vegas, utilized a punishing right uppercut and steady left jab to score a TKO over Kid Melo Contreras, 120, National City, California, at 55 seconds of the seventh round. The 20-year-old Anifowoshe, who emigrated from Nigeria to become a Vegas high school honor student three years ago, received honorable mention in *The Ring's* 1987 "Prospect of the Year" selections and remains undefeated at 13-0 with eight KOs. Contreras, halted on his feet 55 seconds into the seventh, skidded to 19-12-4 with four KOs.

Scott Sharp, 152, Reno, moved to 6-2-1 with two KOs, stopping Joe Medoza, 152, Phoenix, when Medoza failed to answer the third of the scheduled four. Medoza is 4-9 with two KOs.

Harry Truman, 163½, Wichita, was hard-pressed to win a four-round split decision over Ron Wiswell, 162½, Bakersfield, California. Making his first start in three years, Truman is 4-3 with two KOs, while Wiswell fell to 6-6-1 with three KOs.

Harold Miller, 136, Las Vegas, made it 2-1 with one KO with a unanimous four-round decision over Ray Garcia, 136, Phoenix, who is 1-1.

Matchmaker: Mel Greb.

(12-10-88)

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Showboat—**Tony Baltazar** has been around long enough to know two knockout victories don't make a season. He also has been away long enough to know an accelerated fight campaign is required in 1989 for him to regain his world-class status.

The 27-year-old from LaPuente, California, has put his best foot forward mentally and physically since a tragedy resulted in a 54-month prison term for vehicular manslaughter and the death of his best friend.

"I had been running in the fast lane, but going to prison changed all that," said Baltazar. "The first six months changed all that. The first six months I was completely depressed, but then I decided I had to get on with my life. It was either sit there and mope or buckle down and make the time work for me."

How much Tony "The Tiger" has buckled down was evident as he displayed unerring left hooks to the head and body plus a snapping uppercut to stop super rugged Ron Johnson, 147, Tulsa, at 51 seconds of the ninth round. In ruining Johnson's Las Vegas debut, Baltazar, 146, improved to 29-2-1 with 23 KOs, while his victim dropped to 20-14 with 14 KOs.

Baltazar opened a long cut over Johnson's right eye in the fifth round and appeared to hurt Johnson just before the bell ended the eighth. Shortly after the start of Round Nine, Baltazar lifted Johnson off his feet with a double left hook to the jaw. Johnscn landed heavily

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on his back and lurched into the ropes after regaining his footing, prompting referee Toby Gibson to halt the action.

"Tony showed good stamina," said Baltazar's trainer, Jimmy Montoya. "But he was a little tight until the late rounds. He was hooking good to the head and body, but he wasn't following through like I want him to. Of course, that will come with time."

Baltazar said he let up on Johnson several times in the early rounds, claiming, "Jimmy kept telling me to get him, but I wanted to work. I didn't want to rush in with nothing. Those two-round KOs look good in the books, but they don't mean as much as those when you work eight or nine rounds to stop a guy."

In an eight-round semi-windup, brawling Vincent Gonzales, 127, Bell, California, dropped taller Pete Anzaldua, 126, Phoenix, twice to win a split decision that raised his log to 12-4-2 with five KOs. Anzaldua, down in the fourth and sixth, dropped to 16-3 with nine KOs.

Les Fabri, 126, Las Vegas, won a questionable majority decision over Johnny Baldwin, 124, Odessa, Texas, to go 8-0-1. Baldwin slipped to 4-1 with four KOs.

David Cox, 135, Las Vegas, moved to 3-0 with a four-round verdict over debuting Las Vegan Harold Miller, 135.

Ricardo Cruz, 134, Los Angeles, and debuting Shannon Sawyer, 135, Las Vegas, finished in a four-round draw that left Cruz 0-2-1.

Matchmaker: Mel Greb.
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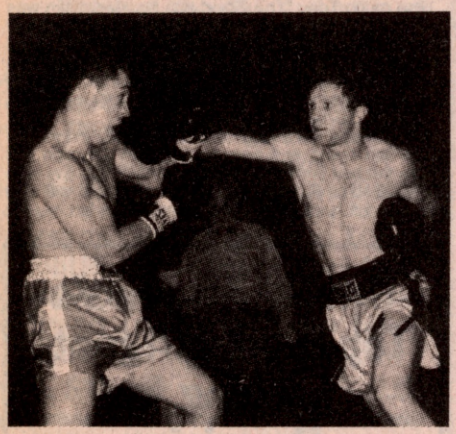

Steve Collins (right) overcame a nasty eye cut to outpoint Jesse Lanton over eight rounds in Salem.

PHOTO BY JAY N. MILLER

▶**SALEM**—Salem Boys Club—Promoter Al Valenti's on-again, off-again Christmas show attracted only 200 fans on a bitterly cold night. As is becoming customary, Valenti lost money but kept a whole bevy of local pugs busy with a seven-bout card.

In the main event, Irish Middleweight champ Steve Collins survived a nasty sixth-round cut over his left eye to score a lopsided eight-round decision over Brooklyn's Jesse Lanton. Collins, 162, Brockton, Mass., became much more of a boxing stylist in this bout than he'd been previously. This strategy was dictated by the fact that Lanton, 164, was a lunging brawler with plenty of power in his punches, but not much accuracy in his attack. Collins neatly avoided the Lanton left hook bombs in the early going and peppered his foe with rapid combinations. Lanton was able to rough Collins up on the inside in rounds three and four, but the Irishman still had control. Lanton sagged a bit in the fifth, but revived in the sixth after the early clash of heads opened up the inch-long gash over Collins' left eye. Collins went into a shell, protecting the wound for the rest of that stanza. Trainer Goody Petronelli closed the cut between rounds, however, and Collins went back into the driver's seat behind his left jab for the last two frames.

The decision was unanimous, with judge William James (80-72), Peter Rugush (80-72) and James Finnegan (79-74) all having Collins well ahead. *The Ring* scorecard read 79-73 Collins, who improves to 12-0, while Lanton goes to 5-2. "This was a dangerous kid, and a good hard fight," Petronelli said later. "Lanton came to fight and Steve outboxed him." With a lucrative bout on tap for January 15 in Monte Carlo, Collins was hoping his "worst cut in 14 years of boxing" would heal sufficiently in five weeks.

Two six-rounders were co-featured. Hartford amateur star John Scully, 163, continued his blitz through the pro ranks with a fourth-round TKO of Jersey City's Vic Ferrer, 161. Ferrer, a mobile boxer making his pro debut, couldn't stand up to Scully's power punching and visited the canvas once in the second frame, twice in the third, and again in the fourth before ref Nick Previti halted matters at the 48-second mark. Scully's six pro wins are all by knockout.

The other six-rounder was a rematch of a war that took place last summer in Brockton. Mike Cappiello, 135, West Bridgewater, Mass., again weathered an early right-hand barrage from Springfield's Jose Soto, 135, then dropped him for keeps in the first minute of Round Two. Cappiello, 5-1 with three kayoes, did the job a little quicker last July, but Soto, now a deceptive 1-3, made it a memorable brawl on both occasions.

A four-rounder saw Petronelli-trained Drake Thadzi, 179, Brockton, boost his pro mark to 7-1 with a second-round stoppage of New York City's Dennis Burley, 176.

Mike Culbert of Holbrook, Mass., made it a clean sweep for the Brockton gym with a four-round decision over Troy, N.Y.'s Jake "The Snake" Riley. Riley hit the deck five times, but Culbert didn't put him there — his complex footwork kept the crowd entertained, but his balance was abysmal.

Providence lightweight John Vecchio made a sterling pro debut, unloading an overhand right that sent Bridgeport's Tony Williams to the canvas and caused him to roll over 2½ times before being counted out at 36 seconds.

The opening bout resulted in some controversy. Hartford's Nate Woods, 156, scored his third straight pro win by knockout when he stopped Springfield's Angel Colon, 164, in just 55 seconds. Colon was in woeful shape and sank from the first solid body blow. N.H. Boxing Commissioner Robert Stevens quickly gathered his fellow officials and they yanked Colon's license, held up his purse and also suspended his manager. Talking with reporters later, Stevens promised such actions would be taken whenever necessary. "We have to make boxing a credible sport here in New Hampshire, and we will," Stevens said.

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This card also marked the return to action of Mass. referee Previti, recovering quite nicely from a kidney transplant. "New parts for the old body, and thank God for my daughter, who gave me her kidney," Previti said.

Middleweight **Robbie Sims** also boxed a four-round exhibition.

Referees: Ed Fitzgerald, Nick Previti & Robert Stevens.

Judges: William James, Peter Rugush & James Finnegan.

Promoter: Goodwin A.C. (Al Valenti).
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NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Resorts Hotel-Casino—Substitute Rockin' Rodney Moore, 140, took on fellow Philadelphian Bryant Paden, 138, and came within a point of pulling off the upset. After 10 rounds, it was a draw, with Moore getting the 96-94 card from John Stewart, while Paden received a 96-95 advantage from Tom Kaczmarek. Judge Vinnie Rainone saw it 95-95. *The Ring* saw it 97-95 Paden. Ref; Joe Cortez.

Moore, filling in for the injured Ras-I-Bramble, started quickly and ended strongly; sweeping rounds one, two, nine and 10 on the cards. Paden, a notoriously slow starter, didn't really warm to the task until Round Four and later said he injured his right hand in Round Two. It was difficult to discern in those middle stanzas where Bryant finally got down to business and backed Moore up with sharp body work and right-hand counters. Moore failed to use his left hook effectively, thus was unable to salvage a single round on any card from the fourth through the seventh. He got one vote in Round Eight.

Afterwards, Moore, 18-5-2, eight KOs, said "It takes a lot out of you to really feel you've won and have it taken away, but that's boxing. I can't complain about it, even though I'm mad." Said Paden (12-3-2, three KOs), who seems to relish taking on undefeated boxers, "He was moving pretty well and I fought tough on the inside. I guess the draw was a good call."

In an exhilarating eight-rounder that took place earlier, Victor Davis, 146¼, Mitchellville, MD., and Kevin Pompey, 147, Troy, NY, traded leads in a clash of styles that ended in a draw. Davis, 15-6-1, seven KOs, was the quicker and busier, while Pompey, 10-2-1, five KOs, landed the more hurtful punches, but laid back too often to seize the moment. Round Four was especially pleasing, and before the final scoring was given, ring announcer Mike Buffer told the appreciative crowd the boxers would split a $500 bonus from the promoter. The referee for this battle was Rudy Battle. Scores: Kaczmarek, 77-75 for Davis, while both Rainone and Stewart tabbed it 76-76. *The Ring* card read 77-75 for Pompey. Davis swept rounds one, four and seven, while Pompey could only get all three official votes in the third.

Donald Allison, 143, Brooklyn, took a unanimous four-round decision over his neighbor Carl Goulding, 143. Both are originally from Guyana, and neither showed a willingness to really stick it to the other. However, Allison was clearly more active than the taller Goulding. Scores: Kaczmarek and Stewart, 40-36, Rainone, 39-37. Allison is 2-0, Goulding, 0-2. Ref; Battle.

Southpaw Sharmba Mitchell, 134½, Wash., DC, went to 3-0 in posting a unanimous four-round decision over timid Willie Rivera, 138, Philadelphia. All cards read 39-37. Ref; Battle.

Larry Barnes, 148, Mt. Vernon, NY., mimicking the posture of Mike Tyson, took his record to 4-0, three KOs, as he registered a knockout win over Jaspar Goodard, 148, Wash., DC, at 2:14 of the fourth and last round. Goodard tried as best he could to ride out the storm through the first two rounds. But he took a standing eight count from referee Cortez in the third, then in the following round took a single right hand that put him hard to the deck where no count was necessary. Goodard falls to 0-2.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: Top Rank Inc.
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
Television: ESPN.
(11-22-88)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Resorts Hotel-Casino—Overall it was an up year down at the shore for Top Rank through 19 promotions. But the closing card didn't quite bring a smile to the stubbled face of matchmaker Ron Katz.

The main 10 saw **Mickey Ward**, 139¾, Lowell, MA.,

come off a September decision loss to Mike Mungin, taking out substitute Tomas DaCruz, also 139¾, Jersey City, NJ, by way of Brazil, in Round Three. DaCruz, filling in for sudden pullout Miguel Santana, was himself coming off a June KO loss to **Barry McGuigan** and stepping up in weight to boot.

To Ward, DaCruz was an unknown quantity. But after two uneventful rounds punctuated by body punching surrounded by head to head grappling, Ward, (19-2, 13 KOs), switched to southpaw. Moving Tomas back around the ring, Ward proceeded to change leads instinctively. Tomas (now a reported 26-4, 13 KOs), was stunned by a couple of left hooks which drove him across the ring to the far ropes. A right uppercut got through and then a punishing left hook to the body put a pained DaCruz on the canvas. He arose at the count of two, but after referee Ted Pick gave him the mandatory eight count, DaCruz declined to continue, giving Ward a TKO win at 2:45 of the third; scheduled for 10.

In the preceding 10, Vinny Burgese, 142, Philadelphia, who suffered his initial defeat at the hands of John Rafuse (KO by 6) in June, came back to raise his record to 15-1, eight KOs, by pounding out a lopsided win over David Silva, 145¾, NYC.

Vinny, under new trainer Jimmy Arthur, had little to worry about on this occasion. Silva, filling in for Remo DiCarlo and a loser of four straight (13-11, five KOs), lacked the firepower or agility to be more than a willing foil.

Burgese put his punches together well early then labored somewhat as the rounds progressed. Lacking a knockout shot, Burgese will also have to listen carefully to Arthur's defensive instructions. His lunging habits could cost him dearly down the road.

Scoring *The Ring* agreed with Frank Cairo and Eva Shain, both of whom had it 100-90. Judge Joe Pasquale tabbed it 99-92. Ref; Pick.

The opening six saw the physically imposing Fermin Chirino, 160¼, Venezuela via NYC, up his mark to 14-2-1, nine KOs, as he TKO'd previously unbeaten (11-1-1, five KOs) Pedro Rivera, 161, Camden, NJ, at 1:54 of Round Three.

Chirino's precise rights controlled Round One, but Rivera fought back on even terms in the next session. Early in the third, Fermin backed Pedro into a corner and delivered a picture perfect right that dropped Rivera. Another right floored him 20 seconds later and a third knockdown (cumulative effect) forced referee Randy Neumann to stop the contest because of the three-knockdown rule.

For comic relief, the closing four saw local Jame "The Land Shark" Ernst, at 6'3", 222 lbs, turn pro to the musical sounds of "Jaws" and cheers from shark-hat wearing fans. He promptly blew the gig by dancing and posturing his way to a unanimous defeat at the hands of a very limited Mike Robinson, 211¼, Saratoga Springs, NY. Give Mike (2-2-1, one KO) some credit, however. He never fell for the antics; sticking as best he could to his "guns" and posting 39-37 scores from all three officials. Ref; Neumann.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.

TV: ESPN.

(12-13-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—**Alex Stewart** (221, Brooklyn) made it 19 kayoes in 19 fights (or rather, 19 kayoes of 19 barely breathing opponents) with a third-round kayo of well-traveled Eddie Richardson (214, Fort Worth, Texas) in a main go scheduled for 10. Not a damn thing happened in the first two rounds; early in the third, a big right uppercut to the solar plexus sent Richardson to the deck, where he was counted out by ref Arthur Mercante Jr. at 1:11 of the round. Richardson went home with a 13-12 record.

Popular lightweight Tyrone Jackson (132¾, New York City) stopped Gustavo Martinez (129, McAllen, Texas) at 2:59 of the first, scheduled 10. Martinez, now a reported 45-14, 18 kayoes, was down for a nine-count late in the first from a left-right combination; a right to the body decked him again, and since he was complaining, from a squatting position, of a hurt right hand (from flailing?) ref Al LoBianco stopped it. Jackson is 29-1, 24 kayoes, and should improve the quality of his opposition.

By far the best bout of the night was veteran heavy **Renaldo Snipes'** stoppage of Lionel Washington in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Washington (241, Bakersfield, Calif.), who came in with a humble 9-3, eight kayoes record, started teeing off on Snipes (215, Yonkers, NY) in the second and had him groggy and bleeding from cuts on the left eye and inside the mouth. Snipes appeared to be in serious trouble in the third, but came off the ropes with a perfect (or very lucky) right that decked Washington for a count of seven. Washington stayed aggressive, while Snipes was content to try to lure him forward, but the issue wasn't resolved until the next round when Snipes turned on a five-second burst of offense that decked Washington for the second time and caused ref Charlie Norkus to stop it at the 2:38 mark. Washington, who deserved credit for a good fight, was down for some time. Snipes is 32-7-1, 17 kayoes.

Local hero Seamus McDonagh (193, Brooklyn) upped his record to 15-1-1, 11 kayoes, with a stoppage of ridiculous Tim "Doughboy" Tomashek (196½, Green Bay, Wisc.) at 2:34 of the first, scheduled 10. Tomashek's nickname says it all; one wonders where he got the reported 12-2, five kayoes record with which he entered the ring. This was a simple slaughter in which the issue was never in doubt; ref Mercante stopped it with Tomashek halfway through the ropes and clearly in some pain.

Merqui Sosa (162, The Bronx) improved to 7-0, five kayoes, by annihilating Paul Davis (159, The Bronx) at 2:18 of the first, scheduled 10. Sosa hammered his man all over the ring, finally dropping him with a right cross; Davis (now 8-3, six kayoes) arose at five but was clearly helpless. Referee Mercante stopped it and led Davis to his corner, even as the disoriented Davis flailed away, fondly assuming Mercante was his opponent.

In the second-best fight of the night, Owen McGeachy (139, Brooklyn) stopped Tomas Hernandez (136½, The Bronx) at 1:13 of the sixth and final round. This was a tough, close fight all the way, and was still up for grabs in the last round, but Hernandez was clearly pooped, and McGeachy turned on everything he had left. McGeachy's best punch, a countering right which had been effective throughout, found Hernandez early in the round and stunned him; Hernandez went down from a following flurry and ref Jim Santa stopped it. McGeachy is now 8-3, five kayoes; Hernandez is 5-2, two kayoes. Both good kids.

In a decent but frustrating bout, Kevin Kelley (125½, Flushing) went to 4-0, three kayoes, stopping Augustin Silva (126½, San Juan) at 2:38 of the fourth and last. Kelley was ahead in each round, thanks mainly to the fact that Silva would not throw his excellent right hand, which hurt Kelley without fail each of the four times he used it. Silva was winning the last round, though, until a crushing right sat him down in a neutral corner, glassy-eyed; ref Santa quit counting at two.

Debuting Willy Wise (149, Westbury, N.Y.) impressed with a well-contested four-round decision over Michael Hooper (149, Irvington, N.J.). Wise won every round from a tough opponent and may bear watching. Hooper is 2-1-1. Lo Bianco refereed.

Larry Barnes (145, Mount Vernon, N.Y.) won every round from Curt Exum (148, The Bronx) in a hard-fought four. Both men entered the ring with records of 3-0, two kayoes; both were strong, tough and sportsmanlike, although a trifle clumsy. Barnes was on the inside, Exum, on the outside, where his lack of accuracy was a handicap. LoBianco refereed.

Ike Padilla (201, Yonkers) improved to 2-0, two kayoes, stopping Tony Frazier (200, New York City) at 1:14 of the first, scheduled four. Frazier is 1-2, one kayo; Santa refereed.

Debuting Ronald McCall (152, Brooklyn) decisioned Mike Brown (149, New York City) in four quiet founds. Brown is 1-2-2. Lo Bianco refereed.

Attendance: 2,235.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.

Matchmaker: Bobby Goodman.

Announcer: Ed Derian.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.

(12-15-88)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

▶**BROOKLYN**—Gleason's Arena — Excepting the inevitable delays caused by television, the club atmosphere is alive and well under the Brooklyn Bridge. Moved up one day to accommodate cable, Gerry Cooney's SUPERFIGHTS Promotions brought in a new main event, using its new addition, **Frankie Randall**, to top a 10-bout card.

Randall, 141, Morristown, TN., is slowly making his way back up the ladder after suffering a KO loss to Primo Ramos last year. "The Surgeon" had little trouble administering the knockout drops tonight with a precise stoppage of one Eduardo Luciano, 140½, Dom. Republic via Miami, at just 1:54 of the first in this scheduled 10.

Eduardo, coming in a listed 12-4, all wins by KO, stood little chance against the skills of Randall, 33-2-1, 31 KOs. For the first minute not much was happening as Frankie was just trying to size up his shorter opponent. Luciano moved in with a feeble "attack" to the mid-section. Randall stepped back, probably saying to himself, "the nerve of this guy," then let loose his picture-perfect right down the slot and down went Eduardo. Managing at least to beat the count, he nevertheless got more of the same. As soon as Luciano went down again, referee Joe Santarpia ruled it over, thus the TKO win for Randall.

Willing mixer Juan Muriel, 126, The Bronx, won the vacant New York State featherweight title when he was awarded a TKO at 2:31 of Round Eight over southpaw Alberto Reyes, 125, Dom. Republic via The Bronx.

The scheduled 10-rounder had Muriel on top on two cards and even on the other after seven. Reyes, appearing for the first time in a New York ring, was dropped in the fourth and again in the eighth. He also suffered from a cut in the corner of his left eye received earlier in the round. Referee was Fred Ucci. Muriel is listed as 9-13-2, four KOs, while Reyes falls to a reported 14-2, four KOs.

Richie "The Ninja" Otero, 132, Brooklyn, took a lackluster but unanimous eight-round decision from Dana Roston, 133, Louisville. Too much cat and mouse here, though Richie did manage to floor Roston in Round Five with a right hand. All three judges, Harold Lederman, Bernie Friedkin and Al Reid, saw it 5-3. *The Ring* card read 5-2-1 for "The Ninja." Ref; Santarpia. With the win, Otero goes to 11-7, six KOs, while Roston, a loser of late, falls to 13-7-2, six KOs.

In a scheduled six, Carlos Rivera, 137, Brooklyn, won by TKO at 2:20 of the third over Edwin Ruiz, 134, Elizabeth, NJ. While there were no knockdowns, the southpaw Ruiz just couldn't deal with the huge height advantage of Rivera. Ref; Nick Drake.

The remaining bouts were scheduled fours:

Homer Pennington, 158, Brooklyn, had a successful debut with a TKO win at 0:33 of Round Two over "Bad" Freddy Johnson, 162, Queens, NY. Freddy was just that, bad. Dropped in Round One and again in the second, Johnson was wobbled by a left hook, whereupon referee Wayne Kelly stopped the bout.

In a dreadful matchup, Tony Frazier, 201½, NYC,

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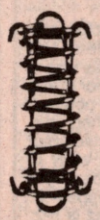

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evened his record at 1-1 with a TKO at 1:22 of Round Two over Damasol Rosendary, 224, Brooklyn. The out-of-shape loser, whose record fell to 0-2, was down twice in Round Two. Ref; Ucci.

Michael Hooper, 148, Irvington, NJ, evened his mark at 1-1-1 with a TKO win at 1:26 of the first over the inept Wagner Bichotte, 148, Brooklyn. Bichotte, making his initial start, was floored twice. Ref; Drake.

Brinatti Maquillon, 163, Queens, NY, went to 2-1, when he ruined the debut of the lean and muscular William Anderson, 163½, Huntingdon, NY. The TKO win came at 2:07 of the fourth when referee Drake came to the aid of Anderson, who was trapped and covering up in a neutral corner.

Jose Nieves, 140, Queens, NY, went to 2-0 with a clear unanimous decision over gutsy Wilfredo Colon, 141, also Queens. Colon, making his debut, was trounced in every round but amazingly stayed on his feet. Also amazing was that judge Ted Wint somehow managed to score a round for Colon on his 3-1 card. Friedkin had it 4-0 as did Lederman who realistically had it 8-0 in the back-up points system. Ref; Kelly.

Handsome Ricky "Monster" Johnson, brother of Freddy, 149½, Queens, NY, made his long delayed debut, but fell just short in dropping a majority decision to Mike Brown, 149, NYC. It was a good action, no knockdown tangle that saw Brown finally get a win, putting his record at 1-2-2. No scores were announced. Ref; Kelly.

Timekeeper: Juan Padilla.
Promoter: Powerhouse & Superfights.
Matchmaker: Ron Scott Stevens.
TV: USA Cable.
Attendance: 1,063.
(12-1-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

OHIO

▶**GIRARD**—Mahoning Country Club — Pro boxing returned to this Youngstown suburb in the form of a five-bout card.

In the 10-round main event, **Greg Richardson**, 116, Youngstown, pitched a near shutout over game James Tolliver, 119, Cleveland. This was their third meeting, with Richardson sweeping the series.

In his first hometown appearance in over six years, Richardson was very sharp, flooring Tolliver once in the third and again in the 10th. Tom Figley scored 50-40, Larry Dickey, 49-43, and John Marino, 50-41.

In a scheduled six, lanky Lenzie Morgan, 163, Youngstown, picked apart Ron Beasley, 161, Pittsburgh, who failed to answer the bell for the final round.

Melvin Ricks, 174, Lorain, picked up an easy win, dishing out a good, old-fashioned beating to Tony Curovic, 174, Cleveland, for a unanimous win in six. Dickey had 29-28, while Figley and Marino both scored 29-25.

Bright prospect Glen Odum, 155, Sharon, Pa., won a four-round unaninmous decision over debuting Bob Napier, 153, Columbus. Odum had to really work for the win as Napier is one tough kid. Marino had it 19-18, with Figley and Dickey each scoring 20-17.

Darren Dolby, 141, Pittsburgh, scored a first-round TKO over Ricky Roberts, 140, Youngstown. Dolby hurt Roberts with a right and a follow-up flurry caused referee Terry Gruver to intervene at 2:52.

Promoter: Corbett Enterprises.
Matchmaker: Gregg Augustine.
Referees: John Chickelli & Terry Gruver.
Timekeeper: Jack DeSarro.
Announcer: Bob Roth.
Attendance: 700 (est.).
(11-15-88)

ERICH GLIEBE

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**ERIE**—Quality Inn — Former IBF lightweight champ **Harry Arroyo**, 142, Youngstown, won a 10-round split decision over Raul Torres, 140, Cleveland, in the main event.

Arroyo spent much of this bout counterpunching off the ropes, with Andy DePaul and Bob Baker each giving him a 46-45 edge, while Bernard Harkins saw it 46-45 Torres.

Willie Phillips, 225, Sharon, scored a unanimous six-round verdict over Jesse "Tank" McGhee, 240, Welch, West Virginia. The 5-7 "Tank" seemed to rattle Phillips whenever he got inside, but for some odd reason tried to box from long range. Scores: Baker, 28-26; Harkins, 27-26; Paddy Grimes, 29-25.

Cornelius McClellan, 176, Erie, registered a first-round knockout over Chris Doolittle, 178, Akron, who gave a questionable effort. A glancing blow dropped the normally gutty Doolittle for the count at 2:15 of the first.

John "Boy" Bizzarro, 153, Erie, took a unanimous nod over Ernie Orr, 154, Akron, in a sloppy four. Scores: Grimes, 19-17; Baker, 19-18; Harkins, 20-17.

Ruben Torres, 155, Cleveland, and Mike Caminiti, 155, Troy, battled to a majority four-round draw. This was a slap-happy affair in which neither showed any power. But Torres did deserve the nod. Harkins and DePaul each scored 19-19, with Baker scoring 19-17, Caminiti.

Promoter: Mike Acri.
Matchmaker: Mike Acri.
Referees: Paddy Grimes & Andy DePaul.
Announcer: Chris Maras.
Attendance: 1,000 (est.).
(11-19-88)

ERICH GLIEBE

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Convention Hall—**Dwight Muhammad Qawi**, 193, Camden, NJ, looked in fine form as he reverted back to his "Buzz Saw" days to cut down the credible **Olian Alexander**, 191½, San Jose, CA., in the third round of a scheduled 10. This bout topped the off TV card of rookie promoter Alfredo Marchio under the banner of International Promotions.

Dwight fought the first round in full flower. Keeping low (what else?), he ripped home short rib shots and snapping jabs as the younger Alexander showed his lack of experience in trying to mix rather than move. The pace slowed noticeably in the second but Qawi had nonetheless stamped his will on the proceedings. In the third, Dwight let fly an overhand right that dumped Olian flat on his back. Somehow righting himself by the count of seven, he grabbed the upper rope in his own corner as he stared off into the crowd while on unsteady legs. Referee Charlie Sgrillo wisely halted the bout at 0:53.

Qawi is 29-6-1, 23 KOs, and certainly demands a mention for one of the six spots that will open up in title bouts now that Holyfield has relinquished his three crowns.

"Hard work," said the jubilant 35-year-old Qawi. "There's nothing like it." Of the fight itself, he added, "I'm a veteran, and I know how to use my head. First, I messed up the timing on his combinations. Then, when I saw him bending over to protect the body, I went upstairs and nailed him." Said Alexander, "I take my hat off to Qawi. He showed that he still has some fire in the furnace." With the loss, Olian falls to 18-3, 14 KOs.

Craig Bodzianowski, 198, Chicago, he of the missing right foot, ever so slowly wore down habitual loser Dawud Shaw, 188, Chester, Pa., and won by TKO when Shaw retired on his stool after Round Six; scheduled for 10. Craig, with prosthesis firmly in place, plugged ever onward, forcing Shaw to flee in his customary, rather-be-someplace-else fashion. Dawud would slap out often enough to edge rounds one and two, but then Craig was able to reach the mid-section, and you could soon see Shaw was looking for a way out. Ref; Rudy Battle.

Anthony Fletcher, 136, came back home to post a walkout eight-round majority decision over spunky Mike Brown, 138, also Philadelphia. A fairly decent prospect in the Herculean days of brother Frank, "Two Gun" had been beset with numerous physical problems over the past few years. Using his still intact darting southpaw style, Anthony was for the most part able to stymie the aggression of his foe.

The referee was Sgrillo. Scores: Ozzie Sadler, 40-32, while judges Adalade Triplett at 36-35 and Paul Harris at 37-35 were closer to the mark.

A more under control Oscar Ponce, 146, Baltimore, upped his record to 7-0, four KOs, with a TKO win at 1:43 of Round Three over Miguel Montero, 145, Phila., The scheduled six saw Montero fail to employ any boxing skills as he was repeatedly clipped by overhand rights. Montero falls to a reported 6-10. Ref; Sgrillo.

In a scheduled eight, Eduardo Batista, 145, Dominican Republic, energetically punched holes right through a shopworn Bill Robinson, 152, NYC, posting a TKO win at 2:52 of the third. Batista, a reported 24-4, showed a good right hand in dropping Robinson twice in the third. Ref; Sgrillo.

In a joke of a four, Bruce Seldon, 2-0, 217, AC, NJ, was fed an off-the-street stiff in Tyrone Barwell, 203, Phila. With one animated flurry Barwell went to the canvas and took the full KO count of referee Battle. It was all over at the 0:34 mark of the opening session.

Much more was expected of Morris Virgil, at least based on his advertised record of 15-9. But the 163½-lb. resident of Milwaukee took three trips to the mat at the hands of **Earl Hargrove**, 161, Phila., and it was ended at just 1:19 of the first; scheduled for eight. Referee Battle had no choice but to invoke the three knockdown rule. The fans, apparently suspicious, booed Virgil's every step back to the dressing room.

Timekeeper: Frank Martin.
Announcer: Bill DiAddezio.
(11-23-88)

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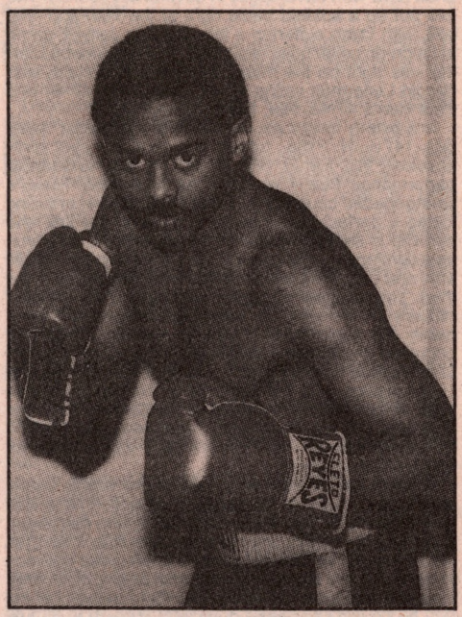

Weltertweight bomber Jorge Maysonet stayed busy while awaiting a title shot with a fourth-round TKO over Khalif Shabazz in Philadelphia.

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Blue Horizon—Upholding the adage that "it's not what you know, it's who you know," adopted favorite **Jorge Maysonet** picked up another routine win while waiting for promoter Russell Peltz to dicker his way to a "world" title shot. True, opponent Khalif Shabazz is a dangerous counter puncher who can take his man out just when he himself appears beaten. He has one-shot power while backing up that can catch an aggressive tormentor napping and put him to sleep. But the rangy Maysonet, 150, NYC, was able to reach Shabazz, 150½, Hartford, without having to drift within range of any traps, which reduced Khalif's offense to occasional lunging flurries in forward gear.

This was more than matched by Maysonet's power and variety, not all of it legal. Khalif was given a rest after a thudding low blow felled him in the second. He seemed to drop on purpose after a left hook landed in his eye in the third, then was floored again by a left hook to the ribs. In the fourth, a roundhouse right over the top canvassed him a final time, ref Rudy Battle stopping the scheduled 10 at 1:15. The loser fell to 12-9.

Technicalities, technicalities! They ruined a potentially fine semifinal when Marvin "Machine Gun" Garris, 141, N. Phila., escaped with a fortuitous "TKO" over Willie Taylor, 140, Falls Church, VA, after two of a scheduled eight. The slipping Garris was confused and frustrated by the southpaw dervish Taylor and suffered a rocky first. Marvin tried going lefty himself in the second. The bout grew sloppier, but Garris drew closer. Somewhere along the line, the visitor received a cut left eye, apparently from a clash of heads. Between rounds, the ring doctor played Santa, refusing to let Taylor continue. Willie was leading on the cards, but the too-brief contest was initially announced as a technical draw. It was then that commissioner Howard McCall declared there was no such thing in Pennsylvania, despite the fact that predecessor James Binns had employed it several times, and Christmas came early for Marvin. Garris went to 15-8-1, while Taylor had reportedly scored nine wins and a draw after losing his first five. Ref, Tommy Reid.

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Prospect Tony Green, 128, W. Phila., re-established himself well after his first loss with a skillful execution of poor Floyd Simmons, 129½, Wash., DC, in a scheduled four. Floyd was twice dropped by a barrage of crushing left hooks and TKO'd at 1:05 of the first. Ref, Battle.

Gritty Angel Rodriguez, 140½, N. Phila., won a deserved split verdict over Jose Avila, 142, Honduras via NYC, in the night's best bout, four. Angel countered well to Jose's off-target aggression, but had to rally from a left hook counter knockdown in the second. Lynne Carter voted 18-17 and Paul Harris 19-17, while Frank Martin turned in 20-16 for the loser. Both evened their records, Rodriguez 1-1 and Avila 2-2. Ref, Reid.

Ed Mack, 183, W. Oak Lane, clobbered a tiring George Wilson, 194½, Wilmington, into a TKO at 1:06 of the fourth and final. Wilson was down at the end of the third and again in the fourth before Battle ended it.

Southpaw Jose Sanchez, 153, NYC, KO'd an easily discouraged Ron Washington, 148½, N. Phila., with a long left to the body at 2:04 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Reid.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 741, $8,683.
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Ron Del Buono.
(12-6-88)

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Woodhaven Sports Center — Local ticket-seller Brian McGinley's big chance to establish at least a cable-TV marketability failed to materialize. Opponent Joey Ferrell, a known quantity to cable audiences, fell out after a recurrence of his old, slack training habits. Instead, McGinley ended up facing only tried-and-true loser James Woodhouse, yet had to struggle mightily for the win. Though a crowd-pleaser to Brian's legion of fans, it may have revealed his limitations to a more detached observer. In fairness, Woodhouse, who'd managed a lone win and a draw in a 17-bout career, put up a heartier effort than he's done on some occasions. The substitute has always been a competent boxer, but somewhat frail by the standards of a rugged sport.

Starting conservatively, Woodhouse, 147½, W. Phila., boxed cautiously and virtually gave away the early rounds. The tactic, such as it was, may have cost him the win in what was otherwise not much less than a break-even effort. Seeming to wake up and realize he could win this one, James became uncharacteristically aggressive in the fifth. His new attitude turned what was virtually a gift win into an exciting and competitive contest, but ultimately fell short. McGinley, 147, Kensington, was mesmerized into fighting Woodhouse's fight. Normally an aggressive swarmer, Brian chose to stalk from medium range. But it was his strength and harder punching that ultimately exploited James' principal weakness. The underdog was noticeably hurt in a number of exchanges, which tended to undo hard-won advantages in several key rounds. The two put up a spirited battle right to the 10th and final bell, with Brian suffering a late cut. But James' game of catch-up never quite caught up. The unanimous scoring was right on the mark, unusual in this state, with Harold Lederman voting 47-43, Carol Polis 47-44 and Paul Harris 47-45. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

In a bitterly fought six, retread Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 147½, N. Phila., turned in a good win over comebacking "Rip" Rettig, 147, Jersey City. But his laudable performance nearly wrecked the promotion! Sugar's spring-loaded counters found the aggressive, brawling Rettig a perfect victim as he dominated the first and had Rip in serious trouble in the second. Rettig's anxious contingent of fans found the turn of events unbearable and dissolved into an arena-wide free-for-all in the third. The resultant disruption had worried commission officials on the verge of stopping the fight. But fortunately, the cooler head of veteran referee Cappuccino prevailed and the bout continued in the midst of extensive ringside battling. Still, it had to break the fighters' concentration, with the game Rettig managing to battle back before Mendez reasserted his dominance in the final two. The riot-influenced scoring was closer than it should have been, with Polis voting 37-all, Harris 29-28 and Lederman 28-26.

A hot "local" showdown ended in the wrong locale, as Reading rivals Al "Bubblegum" Sheriff, 176½, and Jimmy Ruoff, 182¾, finally met after a long campaign. The resultant match, unfortunately, was little more than an anticlimax as Sheriff gained a unanimous decision in an uninspired six. Sheriff's superior boxing skills were clearly in evidence, but with nothing but inactivity behind him he couldn't sustain a drive long enough to do any more than score points. Ruoff largely boxed Sheriff on his own terms, and only bulldozed him enough to take the luster off Al's win. Ref, Ron Aurit.

Eddie Dennis, 148½, S.W. Phila., twice dropped wild and undisciplined Nathaniel Gaines, 144¾, W. Phila., in a free-swinging first. But Nathaniel hung in gamely to go the distance, losing a unanimous verdict in a vigorous four. Ref, Aurit.

In his debut, Chandler Durham, 165½, N. Phila., son of famed trainer "Yank," didn't appear a likely standard bearer for the family name. After exploding out of his corner to drop Bernal Long, 164½, W. Phila., with an optimistic flurry, Chandler faded quickly. The gritty Bernal mounted a vigorous, unschooled rally to close the first, then wailed away on the fatigued Durham without answer until Aurit stopped the scheduled four at 1:20 of the second.

Promoters: Vic Capcino & Ed Spicer (Cambria 5 Productions).
Matchmaker: Harold Moore.
Attendance: 700, $9,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: Tony Stenza.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(12-2-88)

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TENNESSEE

▶**BRISTOL**—Bristol Sports Arena—A lethargic Wesley Watson — with an assist from referee Deacon Bowers — won a unanimous eight-round decision over Larry Givens of Cincinnati.

Some fans in the crowd of 1,500 felt Bowers prevented Givens from fighting his fight. He then compounded matters by taking a point away from Givens in the seventh round for "using his head."

Watson, a 238-pounder from Bristol, saw his record rise to 11-1. Givens, complaining he could not beat Watson *and* Bowers, fell to 18-10.

Heavyweight Tony Young of Pennington Gap, Virginia, scored a TKO over Cincinnati's Vincent Haugabrook at 2:06 of the third round.

Bristol's popular heavyweight Mark Carrier posted a second-round TKO over Mark Green of Cincinnati. Carrier moves to a solid 11-1. Green slips to 14-3.

Pat Alley, Newport, Tennessee, scored a unanimous decision over Bristol's Mike Belcher in a battle of middleweights.

Matthew Thompson of Pennington Gap was awarded a four-round decision over Reggie Strickland of Cincinnati.

Impressive heavyweight Terry Dyer of Bristol ran his record to 7-0 with six knockouts when he crushed Antonio Whiteside of Spartanburg, South Carolina in the first round.

Heavyweight Calvin Jones, now fighting out of Bristol, knocked out Trib Perry of Winston-Salem, North Carolina at 2:39 of the third round to boost his record to 4-2.

Judges: Dave Milton, Don Montieth & Bob Hughes.
Referees: Cotton Jackson, Deacon Bowers & James Cradic.
Physician: David Shilling.
Announcer: Chip Surber.
Attendance: 1,500.

LINDA SURBER

▶**MEMPHIS**—Omni-New Daisy Theatre—Nashville's Lopez McGee, 176, squared off with late replacement Lester Yarbrough, 166, Jackson, in the 10-round feature.

In the first four rounds McGee dictated the pace. But as he has done in the past, Yarbrough picked up the pace in the middle and late rounds to emerge with a majority decision, the scores reading 98-95, 98-96 and 98-98.

Covington's Chuck Glover, 148, stopped Cornelius Lowe, 154, Greenville, Mississippi, at 1:32 of the second round of a scheduled six to improve to 25-3. Glover, who broke both hands two years ago, told Phil Stukenborg of *The Commercial Appeal*, "I've fought my last eight or nine fights at 147 or 148 pounds and I feel better at 147 because I can hit hard and my hands hold up."

Memphian Robert Dixon, 139, returned for his first bout in over a year and stopped Semmie Black, 138, Memphis, at 1:25 of the second of a scheduled four. A right did the trick.

Scot Daley, in his first appearance in eight months, stopped Ronnie Ramone, 150, Dallas, in just 1:25. Daley, from Lake Charles, Louisiana, weighed 158.

James Tony, 161, Detroit, made an impressive Memphis debut as he stopped Ronnie Yoe, 167, Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1:30 of the second of a scheduled six.

Tommy Jeans, 159, stopped fellow Memphian Kevin Richardson, 152, in just 44 seconds of a scheduled four.

Jackson's Obie Beard, 143, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Robert Wilson, 150, Greenville. Wilson, who had been in the service, was fighting for the first time in two years.

In the opener, Kirk Daley, 159, Lake Charles, stopped Marvin Freeman, 155, Dallas, in 2:30 of the second of a scheduled four.

Promoters: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing Inc.
Matchmakers: Peyton Sher and Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sam Garland.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, Mark Acherson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Alex McCollum & Sonny Hanks.
Referees: Jim Kidd & Irving Tucker.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physician: Jeff Hoover.
Attendance: 500 (est.).
(12-6-88)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**TYLER**—Protecting his rating in *The Ring's* Top 10 welterweights, **Manning Galloway**, 154¼, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Charles Hollis, 154¼.

In another scheduled 10, **Richard "Boone" Pultz**, 203¼, knocked out Dennis Fikes, 193, at 2:02 of the ninth.

Charles Duffy, 144½, knocked out Richard Alvarado, 144, in just 2:02 of a scheduled six-rounder.

Anthony Stephens, 141½, won a six-round unanimous decision over Jerry Grant, 144¾.

Donald Stephens, 182, won a four-round unanimous decision over Vincent Bledsoe, 181½.

Promoter: Ringside Texas.
Referees: Steve Crosson & Jerry McKenzie.
Timekeepers: McFuelin & Bullew.
Judges: Dick Cole, Ken Fewell & Jack Woodruff.
(12-5-88)

▶**EL PASO**—Fernie Morales, 117, won a unanimous 12-round decision over Lucilo Nolasco, 116¾, in a well-fought match that saw Morales retain his WBA Americas title.

Ex world featherweight champion **Steve Cruz**, 129¼,

polished off Mexico's Martin Galvan, 129½, 17 seconds into the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Bryan Davenport, 140¼, had a close, majority edge over Ronnie Villa, 139, after a hard-fought eight.

Another scheduled eight ended quickly, Mexican Simon Gonzalez, 130, stopping Barry Scarborough, 130, at 2:25 of the second.

Juan Baldwin, 129, stopped Roman Delgado, 129, at 2:54 of the third of a scheduled six.

Carl Chancellor, 309, showed little skill, but knocked down Jose Cruz Avila, 223, to win a four-round unanimous decision.

Promoter: Fiesta Promotions.
Physician: Dr. Raul Rivera.
Referees: Juan Lazcano & Allen McChesney.
Timekeepers: Jose & Robert Serrano.
Judges: Manny Serrano, John Wilkinson & Joe Borzi Jr.
(12-9-88)

▶**CORPUS CHRISTI**—Roland Gomez, 118, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Mexican National Ramon Solis, 117.

Ricky Alvarez, 130, also won by unanimous vote, scoring an eight-round nod over Alejandro Garcia, 130, of Mexico.

Danny Trevino, 163, knocked out William Brigham, 164, at 3:08 of the first round of a scheduled six.

Mike Garcia, 164, stopped Raymond Diaz, 166, at 2:22 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter: Oscar Enriquez.
Physician: Carlos Everett.
Referees: David Avalos & Dennis Collins.
Timekeepers: Rudolfo Rivera & Alfonso Iglesias.
Judges: Ruben Garcia, Ramiro Molina & Santos Ronje.
(11-30-88)

▶**NOTES:** The Texas Boxing Commission report for the October 23, 1988, show in Fort Worth ("The Ring Around The World," March '88) contained a slight mistake. The bout between **Moses Robinson** and Scott Johnson that ended in the very first round ended with Robinson, not Johnson, the winner.

VIRGINIA

▶**VIRGINIA BEACH**—This card mated two boxing matches with two kick-boxing contests.

In the 10-round feature, Alonzo Cutchins, 176, Charlottesville, scored a 10-round decision over Bobby Franklin, 180, Hampton.

The other boxing contest was scheduled for four rounds but went just half that distance, Kimara Davis, 147, Portsmouth, knocking out Todd Craig, 153, Virginia Beach, in two.

Promoter: Aikondo Karate.
Referees: Wollesen & Rothenberg.
Judges: Traylor, Bryan & Doggette.
Timekeepers: Gold & Latham.
Physician: Stedwell.
(12-10-88)

MEXICO

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**ENSENADA**—Ramon Marchena TKO'd Herminio Delgado in three rounds to win the Mexican lightweight title.
(9-23-88)

▶**LA PAZ**—Alberto "Cabeto" Alcarez TKO'd Luis "Capulin" Garcia in 10 rounds to retain his Mexican junior welterweight crown.

Former Mexican middleweight champion Francisco "Chango" Carballo chilled Andres Uribe in six.
(9-30-88)

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**MEXICALI—Bernard Taylor** of the USA TKO'd Mexican featherweight champion Javier "Changa" Marquez in 10 to retain his NABF title.

Manuel "Gallito" Juarez TKO'd North Baja California featherweight king Raul Franco in six.

Felipe de Jesus TKO'd Bruno Rabanales in the eighth round of a featherweight match.
(9-2-88)

CHIHUAHUA

▶**JUAREZ**—Willie Salazar KO'd Isaias Zamudio in nine to retain his NABF junior flyweight championship.
(9-30-88)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Pista Revolucion—Gerardo Cedillo won from Pedro Garcia in eight, lightweights.

Luis "Tyson" Vazquez KO'd Rafael "Chocolate" Perez in two, middleweights.

Marco Antonio Garcia TKO'd Carlos Martell in six, bantamweights.
(9-11-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Javier "Candelita I" Varquez stiffed Jose Luis "Gringa" Zepeda in six, flyweights.

Unbeaten Oscar Gallegos, 13-0, bombed Luciano Solis in two, lightweights.
(9-17-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Oscar Ortiz TKO'd Armando Perez in four, bantamweights.

Juan Gonzalez stopped Javier Lopez in one, flyweights.

Cesar Chavez TKO'd Alfredo Villanueva in the first, bantams.

Rafael Campos and Francisco Rosas drew in four, featherweights.

Esteban Rodriguez TKO'd Octavio Enriquez in one, flyweights.
(9-17-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Pista Revolucion—Javier Juarez TKO'd Leo Ortiz in one, flyweights.

Armando Lopez TKO'd Jorge Gonzalez in five, lightweights.

Raul Martinez Mora Jr. TKO'd Pedro Gatica in five, feathers.

Juan Manuel Aranda chilled Enrique Garcia in three, lightweights.

Enrique Jupiter TKO'd Ignacio Aguilas in two, flyweights.

Carlos Gonzalez TKO'd Francisco Garcia in one, flyweights.
(9-18-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—**Juan Estrada** won by disqualification over Antonio Garcia in two, welterweights.

Juan Garcia KO'd Javier Carrillo in four, lightweights.
(9-24-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Armando "Jaiba" Salazar chilled Ruben Padilla in six, bantamweights.
(9-24-88)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**CHETUMAL**—Unbeaten Jose Juan Xool (14-0-1) won a unanimous decision over Geronimo Nieto in a 10-round bantamweight bout.

Luis Mis TKO'd Roberto Bellos in two, featherweights.
(9-2-88)

SINALOA

▶**MAZATLAN**—Mexican junior featherweight champion Cesar "Zacapu" Martinez TKO'd David Bustamante in five to retain his title.

Ramon Arreola won a unanimous 10-round decision over former WBC world flyweight titleholder **Gabriel Bernal**.
(9-30-88)

SONORA

▶**HERMOSILLO**—Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez bombed Roger Arevalo in six to win the Mexican junior lightweight crown.

Al Castro chilled Enrique Murillo in one, bantams.
(9-30-88)

YUCATAN

▶**MERIDA**—Teo Batun won a unanimous 12-round decision over Jose "Joe" Escalante to win the vacant Yucatan flyweight championship.

Victor "Pulguita" Villanueva iced veteran Pastor Salas in one, flyweights.

Jorge Chel won a technical decision over Manuel "Manny" Moraless in seven, flyweights.

Basilio Morales TKO'd Manuel Kim in three, flyweights.

Luis Ruiz Lizarraga won a four-round decision over Joaquin Briceno, bantamweights.
(9-28-88)

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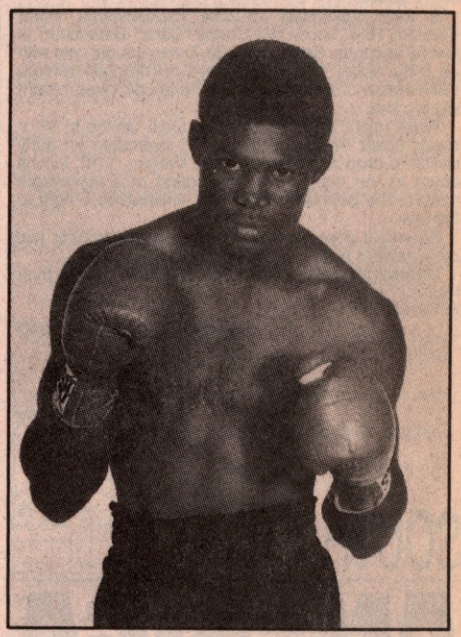

Former WBA junior featherweight boss Julio Gervacio continued his comeback with a knockout over Santos Cruz in Puerto Rico.

▶**TRUJILLO ALTO—Julio Gervacio** continued his winning streak since losing his WBA junior featherweight title to **Bernardo Pinango** when he scored a knockout over durable Santos Cruz.

Cruz, who had not seen action in some time, took a pounding in the early sessions, but managed to stand up under the heavy punishment without displaying any physical damage. He recouped in the middle sessions, but Gervacio increased his momentum with a steady body and head attack, obligating the referee to stop it in the ninth with the tired Cruz still on his feet.

In another scheduled 10, bantamweight Jose "Cheito" Ruiz won a five-round technical decision over Chilean Bernardo Mendoza, who came in with a 22-1 record, his only previous loss being to **Santos Laciar.** Mendoza

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had substantial advantages in height and reach, but preferred to slug it out with the stocky Ruiz. It was give-and-take until a butt cut Ruiz and forced referee Jimmy Pena to call a halt. At the time, Ruiz led on two cards, the third having it even.

The Mendoza camp protested vehemently that the eye cut was not produced by a butt and the referee did fail to notify the judges at the time of contact, leaving some doubt.

A third scheduled 10 saw middleweight Victor Claudio, 16-4, knock out Carlos "Cano" Betancourt in just 52 seconds. Betancourt, 20-7, was caught cold with an initial volley and the moment he dropped referee Wiso Fernandez called a halt as Betancourt was regaining his feet.

What might be considered in local circles to be a major upset, Mario Cordero, 7-1, overcame an early deficit to drop a very tired Angel Vargas, 11-2, for the count in the eighth and final round of a lightweight match. The popular Vargas was finished by a right to the jaw.

Flyweight Jose Camacho scored a knockout in two over Angel's brother, Luis, in a flyweight four.

Lightweight Edwin Ruiz decisioned Luis Rivera over four.
(11-3-88)

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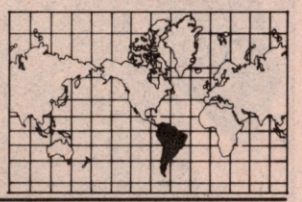

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**ROQUE SAENZ PEÑA**—Flyweight Carlos Salazar upped his record to 13-1 by outpointing South American junior flyweight champion Héctor Patri in 10.
(9-2-88)

▶**VENADO TUERTO**—Argentine featherweight champion Miguel Francia TKO'd José Luis Fernández in seven.
(9-8-88)

▶**PUERTO MADRYN**—South American junior lightweight champion Faustino Barrios drew with lightweight José Llanquin in 10.
(9-9-88)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—In an excellent bout, Argentine middleweight champion Hugo Corti outpointed Julio Ravallo in 10.
(9-10-88)

▶**CALETA OLIVIA**—**Jorge (Roña) Castro** outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juárez in 10 and upped his record to 23-0-2.
(9-10-88)

▶**ALTA GRACIA**—Argentine and Latin American lightweight champion **Alberto Mercedes Cortés** retained his Latin American crown by outpointing Gerónimo Luquez in 10. Cortés is now 39-0.
(9-10-88)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—**Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán** stopped former world middleweight champion **Hugo Corro** in the first round.

Argentine junior lightweight champion Julio Miranda outpointed Héctor Pompe in 10.
(9-16-88)

▶**SALTA**—South American junior flyweight champion Héctor Patri outpointed previously unbeaten flyweight Ignacio Gorriti in 10.
(9-16-88)

▶**GENERAL MADARIAGA**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Mario Melo knocked Anibal Pérez out in the first.
(9-17-88)

▶**VILLA CARLOS PAZ**—Marcelo Figueroa outpointed Roberto Villalba in 10, light heavyweights. Figueroa is 10-0 (seven KOs).
(9-17-88)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—**Jorge (Roña) Castro** knocked Brazilian Fernando (Japonés) Ernesto out in the second, middleweights.
(9-24-88)

▶**SALTA**—South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo halted Latin American middleweight champion Panamanian Felipe Niño in four.
(9-30-88)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metrelleta) Lopez TKO'd Rubén Astorga in five.

On the undercard, Rubén Machado outpointed José Llanquin in 10, lightweights.
(10-1-88)

▶**SALTA**—Héctor Vilte halted Peruvian Javier de la Cruz in the first, welters.
(10-7-88)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Fernando (Roña) Castro knocked Ramón Abeldaño out in the first, middleweights.
(10-8-88)

▶**MENDOZA**—Osvaldo Corro TKO'd Mario Araya in nine, lightweights.
(10-13-88)

WBA junior welterweight champion Juan Martin Coggi (right) on his way to 10-round decision over Jorge Tejada in a non-title bout.

▶**GUERNICA**—WBA world junior welterweight champion **Juan Martin (Látigo) Coggi** outpointed Jorge Tejada in 10.
(10-14-88)

▶**BECCAR**—Argentine heavyweight champion Walter Masseroni halted Daniel Guibando in three.

On the undercard, Dario Matteoni stopped José Antonio Galván in two.
(10-14-88)

▶**TUCUMAN**—Unbeaten middleweight Julio César Vásquez outpointed Jorge Pino in 10.
(10-14-88)

▶**LABOULAYE**—Argentine featherweight champion Miguel Francia technically won over Hugo Ramirez in five.
(10-14-88)

▶**ROQUE SAENZ PEÑA**—Flyweight Carlos Salazar halted Rodolfo Durán in seven.
(10-14-88)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Argentine and Latin American lightweight champion **Alberto Mercedes Cortés** outpointed Mario Fernández in 10 and upped his unbeaten record to 40-0.
(10-15-88)

▶**PERGAMINO**—Gustavo Ballas won the vacant Argentine junior bantamweight title by outclassing Ramón Retamozo in 12 rounds. The title was vacant because the former champion Ruben Condori (who won the title from Ballas) resigned it to be a Bolivian citrizen.
(10-15-88)

▶**SALTA**—South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo and veteran former champion Lorenzo Garcia drew in 10.
(10-21-88)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Unbeaten middleweight sensation **Jorge (Roña) Castro** does not stop stopping people. This time, he knocked prospect Ramón Alegre out in four.
(10-22-88)

▶**SALTA**—In an elimination bout to cover the vacant Argentine welterweight title, Héctor Hugo Vilte outpointed Jorge Martinez in 12 rounds. Now, the men for the final bout have been chosen. Both are from the northwestern province of Salta: Vilte and South American champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo. Good fighters, the classic the first, the hitter the second. The winner could have international chances.
(10-28-88)

▶**OBERA**—Miguel (Canibal) Maldonado outpointed local Julio Abel Gonzalez in 12 to be crowned the first Argentine super middleweight champion. A mediocre champion indeed.
(11-5-88)

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Hugo Marinangeli retained his Argentine junior middleweight title by outpointing Enrique Areco in 12 rounds. In the near future, the champion should face stronger and more dangerous opposition such as Jorge (Roña) Castro or Julio César Vásquez.
(11-11-88)

▶**MENDOZA**—Lightweight Osvaldo Corro outpointed Eduardo Galán in 10.
(11-11-88)

▶**RIO TERCERO**—Argentine and South American junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Raúl Ojeda in 10.
(11-11-88)

▶**LINCOLN**—Eduardo Benevent outpointed Raúl Bianco in 12 in a selective bout to fill the vacant Argentine junior welterweight title. Benevent will now fight with José Saldivia for the crown, which was vacated because the former champion Hugo (Parajito) Hernández moved to Italy.
(11-12-88)

▶**SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO**—South American junior lightweight champion Faustino Barrios halted Alfredo Chavez in five.
(11-12-88)

▶**VILLA CARLOS PAZ**—Marcelo Figueroa knocked Walter Bustos out in the first, light heavyweights.
(11-18-88)

▶**TANDIL**—Argentine super middleweight champion Miguel (Canibal) Maldonado halted Ismael González in two.
(11-18-88)

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▶**CORDOBA**—Argentine and Latin American lightweight champion **Alberto Mercedes Cortés** outpointed Nicasio Cáceres in 10. Cortés upped his record to 41-0.
(11-18-88)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

BOLIVIA

▶**VILLAZON**—Former Argentine champion now Bolivian citizen Rubén Condori halted Peruvian Juan Garcia in four, bantamweights.
(10-6-88)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

CHILE

▶**OSORNO**—Chilean junior featherweight champion Carlos Uribe TKO'd Argentine champion Sergio Arrequez in seven to win the vacant South American crown. This was vacated when Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez retired.
(9-2-88)

▶**CHUQUICAMATA**—Cardenio Ulloa retained his Latin American bantamweight title by halting Argentine José Rufino Narváez in five.
(9-16-88)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—La Cueva del Pulpo — Welterweight **Alex Carrillo** made his debut and knocked out Edilberto Villarreal in just 15 seconds, establishing Colombian and Latin American records for fastest knockout. Carrillo also tied the record of Uruguayan **Alfredo Evangelista,** who flattened Puerto Rican Frank Vega in Spain March 15, 1986.

Agustin "Baby" Garcia, Cartagena, outpointed Alfredo Cardales, Cartagena, in eight, flyweights.

Comebacking flyweight Julio Coronell KO'd Santander Valceiro in the second.

Rafael Zuniga, Cartagena, won a six-round decision over Angel Guerra in a featherweight match to raise his record to 17-0-2.

Bantamweight Juan Rodriguez stopped Enrique Pinto in five.

Bantamweights Juvencio Rua and Jobaldi Atencia drew over four.

Local unbeaten welterweight Manuel Valdez TKO'd Edwin Hernandez in the second round.

Bantamweight Atenor Solar KO'd Jose Padilla in two.
(11-18-88)

▶**CERETE, CORDOBA**—Cinema Fenix — Colombian featherweight prospect Jimmy Garcia stopped Jocceil Garcia in three.

Guillermo Salcedo won in the fourth when Jorge Hurtado abandoned the bantamweight fight.

William Ruiz TKO'd Leonel Hernandez in the first, welterweights.

Asdrubal Velasquez flattened Natividad Peres in the first, flyweights.
(11-18-88)

▶**SAN ANDRES, CARIBBEAN ISLAND**—Edison Benitez dethroned Gilberto Barreto as Colombian welterweight champion when Barreto abandoned the match in the 10th round.

Colombian lightweight champion Hernan Gutierrez, Bogota, was also dethroned, losing a 12-round decision to Arnovis Castro.

Dionis Blanco TKO'd Tommy Valdez in the first, featherweights.

Featherweight Wilson Martinez won a six-round decision over Grancis Geles.

Lightweight Jose Cassiani outpointed Luis Miranda over six.
(11-19-88)

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—La Campana Restaurant — Colombian **Francisco Tejedor**, 112½, won an easy eight-round decision over Alfredo Cardales, 112¼.

Jimmy Garcia, 127½, Barranquilla, TKO'd Humberto Beleno, 127, Cartagena, in the second.

Manuel Salas, 141, knocked out Javiar Tapias, 138, at 0:44 of the fourth.

Claudio Salgado won a five-round technical decision over Edison Martinez after Martinez kneed Salgado in the stomach.

Eduardo Molina, 139, knocked out Libardo Herrera, 142⅛, in 2:00.

In the card's best fight, Genaro Manjarres, Santa Marta, 114¼, suffered a cut left eyebrow in the second, but won a six-round decision over Ivan Iglesias.

Attendance: 300 (est.).

Promoter: Pugilismo.
(11-25-88)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—Francisco Bobadilla halted Argentine Alfredo Ayala, welterweights.
(9-2-88)

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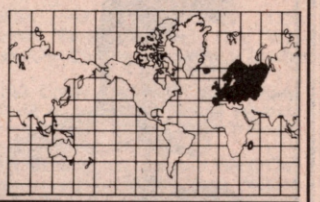

EUROPE

FINLAND

▶**HELSINKI** — Sportshall — After a 4½-year absence, professional boxing returned to the capitol when Helsinki-based King's Stable presented its first card.

The main event, scheduled for six, featured two southpaws, 1984 Olympic bronze medalist "Joltin'" Joni Nyman, 149½, Helsinki, stopping Andy Furlong, 146, in the second round.

The two jabbed through the first round, and the second was going the same way until Nyman suddenly fired a short left hand that dropped the Londoner. Furlong beat the count, but had injured his ankle going down and Nyman had an easy job putting him on the canvas again. Referee Pentti Rautiainen was correct in stopping it at 2:15 as Furlong was limping badly after falling to 15-6-2.

In another scheduled six, Hannu "The Hammer" Vuorinen, 151, came from behind to KO Stan King, 152, London, in the fifth. Vuorinen was lazy early and King controlled the first three rounds. However, in the fourth Vuorinen began to unload the bombs that had knocked out 70 of 110 amateur opponents. King rallied back desperately, but Vuorinen came out strong for the fifth and soon had King stumbling. Referee Erkki Meronen gave King an illegal standing eight count, but Vuorinen was right back pounding him and a barrage of rights dropped King for the count at 2:12. King is 2-5.

In a four-rounder, Jan Nyholm, 142¼, comfortably outpointed Englishman Dave Lake, 141½. Nyholm lost the first round, but it was onesided after that as he earned scores of 40-33 from Pentti Rautiainen, 40-35 from Juhani Salminen and 40-37 from Veikko Sillantaka. *The Ring* card read 39-36 for Nyholm as Lake fell to 2-5.

Colombian-born Finn Jose Tuominen didn't lose a round, outhustling Chubby Martin, who was four inches taller, in their four-rounder. A left jab by Martin stunned Tuominen in the first, but Tuominen recovered to take the round and Martin began to fade in the second, clinching often. In the last round, Martin appeared to get his second wind, countering well, but it was not enough as the cards read 40-37, 40-38 and 40-36. *The Ring* had 40-37. Tuominen weighed 134½ as did Martin, who skidded to 8-9-3.

Promoter: Simo Karkkainen & Tom Sjoberg.

Timekeeper: Lao Ljungberg.

Physician: Mikko Saari.

Announcer: Simo Rantalainen.
(11-14-88)

PETRI PAIMANDER

FRANCE

▶**NOGENT-SUR-MARNE**—Highly regarded **Jean-Baptiste Mendy** suffered a stunning setback when he was knocked out in the eighth and final round by Tunisia's **Abdelatif Lotfi Ben Sayel**.

Based in France, Ben Sayel provided a shocking finish, flattening Mendy with a short right hook just 20 seconds before the bout was to end. Mendy was well in front ot the time, having outboxed Ben Sayel throughout.

Paraguay's **Juan Carlos Gimenez** prepared for a match with **Mike McCallum** with a 10-round decision over American Ralph Smiley.

Local middleweight Marc Ruocco stopped Ramon Nunez of Mexico in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

Lightweight Pierre Lorcy stopped Nouredine Azeroual in two.

Eric Dindaine decisioned Mohammed Zetoune in six, welters.
(11-14-88)

▶**CHATEAU-THIERRY**—English middleweight Slugger O'Toole posted an upset when he stopped Cameroon-born Paul Tchoue in the third of a scheduled eight.

Tchoue was down in the second and again in the third before the referee stopped the bout.

Andre Mongelema knocked out England's Tony Burke in the second round of another scheduled eight. The loss was Burke's fifth straight.

Lofti Belker decisioned Alain Cuvillier in eight, welters.

Light heavyweight **Richard Caramanolis** stopped Lahcen Hamdi in two

Freddy Skouma won in the second over Darryl Anthony when Anthony's corner threw in the towel.
(11-19-88)

▶**ECHIROLLES**—Jean Pierre Scigliano stopped Louis Krismann in the fifth of a welterweight bout.

Light heavy Akim Tafer stopped Hassan Jalni in six.

Lightweight Angel Mona knocked out Le Creunier in two.

Welterweight Carmelo Nato decisioned Robert Taton over six.
(11-19-88)

▶**ANNECY**—Welterweight Antoine Fernandez stopped Kevin Johnson in the second.
(11-19-88)

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GERMANY

▶**BRAUNSCHWEIG**—Tunicahalle—Doctor Herr Walter Herpich was not required to climb to the ring apron to inspect injuries sustained by boxers during this show, but it was a good thing he came along for he fixed the lights when they went out during the evening.

In the main event, a heavyweight bout over eight rounds, Andreas Schweiger decisioned fellow countryman Bernd Kulle. Considering the 23-year-old blonde Schweiger had been in Miami with **Angelo Dundee** for three weeks sparring with Finn **Tarmo Uusivirta**, his showing was disappointing. Schweiger, who has won 10 of 11, was warned for punching low in the fifth.

German-based British middleweight Horace Fleary stopped Yugoslav Zeljko Seslek in five rounds.

Heavyweight KO matador Herbert Wegener halted countryman Guido Breitenbach, making his pro debut, in two rounds.

Thomas Mateoi, a 21-year-old German middleweight, decisioned local-based Italian Mario Dito over four rounds.

Promoter: Dieter Schuster.
Referees: Werner Kasimir & Norbert Krosch.
Physician: Walter Herpich.
Attendance: 500.
(10-28-88)

▶**BERLIN**—Mlchael Pohl, boss of the promotion group Boxing Team Berlin, must be finding out that promoting isn't one of the best hobbies going. It is, instead a sure way to get a major headache. Another of his shows here was hit badly by pullouts.

The main bout, originally between **Ralf Rocchigiani** and Belgium's Luigi Ricci was scratched when Rocchigiani was named official challenger for the European light heavyweight title and withdrew. A bout for Germany's vacant welterweight crown between Marco Unverdruss and Matthias Wirth fell flat when the latter couldn't agree to terms. Los Angeles silver medalist **Peter Konyegwachie** went sick and cried off and Nelson Alves, returning from the States, had little time to prepare for a suggested battle with American James Wilder and withdrew.

But Pohl went on with an abbreviated program that pleased a crowd of about 300. Still, the program needed more amendments with two bouts being reduced from eight to six rounds and Austrian Josef Rajc substituting for Egyptian Ahmed Mohamed El Hadedi.

Turkish welterweight Aytekin Urkal, based for many years in Berlin, decisioned Yugoslav Dinko Porobija over four rounds. The Turk was the aggressor from start to finish, but Porobija took all his punches without going down or showing signs of surrender. Urkal has won three of four starts.

German super middleweight champion Mike Wissenbach reversed the score against ex-British soldier Horace Fleary, winning their six-rounder on points. Fleary has lost seven times in 15 tries, while Wissenbach has won 10 of 13, including a previous loss to Fleary.

Turkish lightweight Senturk Ozdemir decked Malaga-born Spaniard Andre Blanco in the opening round but had to be content with a points win over six frames. Blanco, an experienced journeyman with 66 wars, was a useful opponent for the Turk, who has been based in Germany 11 years. Ozdemir is 9-2-1.

Andreas Marks, an 18-year-old middleweight, made his pro debut, outscoring Yugoslav Mehmet Zolic over four frames. Zolic is 3-4. Frank Reiche, ex middleweight champ of Germany, made his refereeing bow.

Yugoslav middleweight Tritmir Jandrek dented the record of German Silvio Miechley, stopping him in the opening round. Miechley, undefeated in five previous bouts, took a couple of counts, then had his mouthpiece knocked out, giving the third man cause to send him to his corner. Jandrek scored just his fourth win in 13 bouts.

Unverdruss recovered from a first-round knockdown to stay the full six with Austrian substitute Rayc, but lost on points. The German welterweight is 8-3.

Any payment received by referee Uwe Ullman was probably turned over to police, who found Ulmann's car in a no parking zone and towed it away.

Promoter: Boxing Team Berlin.
Referees: Uwe Ullmann & Frank Reiche.
Physicians: Peter von Velsen & Wolf Burchard.
Timekeepers: Hans Obermeyer & Kurt Holz.
Announcer: Joachim Backrock.
Attendance: 300.
(11-16-88)

▶**BEUBEL**—Rhine Hall — It was an all-family affair with two of promoter Helmut Slomke's sons-in-law, Josef Kossmann and Frank Czyzewski, fighting on the same bill.

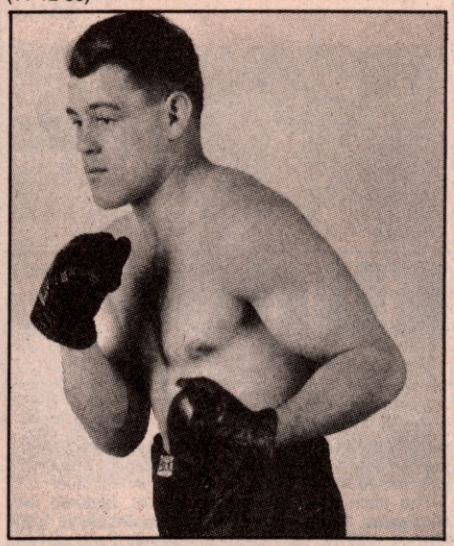
The three-fight card attracted only 150 and those who did not raise their backsides from their armchairs missed some good boxing.

Southpaw middleweight Horace Fleary decisioned Kossmann over eight rounds.

Harald Schulte, a German subbing for Yugoslav Zelyko Seslek, won a six-round decision over Czyzewski at middleweight.

German heavyweight Andreas Schweiger hurt his hand in the opening round but still managed to outpoint Yugoslav Mladen Grubisic over six.

Promoter: Helmut Slomke.
Matchmaker: Helmut Slmoke.
Referee: Norbert Grosch.
Announcer: Gerd Riethenauer.
Attendance: 150.
(11-12-88)



Former European heavyweight and light heavyweight champ Adolf Heuser died recently in Germany at age 81. A veteran of 125 pro bouts, Heuser lost his bid for the world 175-pound title when Maxie Rosenbloom outpointed him in 1933.

▶**NOTES: Adolf Heuser**, born October 3, 1907 at Buschdorf near Bonn, is no longer with us. Heuser, who lost a world light heavyweight title bout to champion **Maxie Rosenbloom** on points in New York March 10, 1933, died at 81 in the Bonner Johannis Hospital November 19 after a long illness. Heuser did eventually win European recognition as world light heavyweight champion five years later when he stopped Belgian Gustave Roth in seven rounds in Berlin. Heuser dethroned Spain's Martinez de Alfara, the European light heavyweight champion, in 1932 and won the European heavyweight crown by knocking out Austrian Heinz Lazek in five rounds in 1939. His heavyweight reign lasted just four months as he was dethroned in one round by countryman **Max Schmeling.** During his career, Heuser met 60 foreigners, but one man he couldn't master was fellow countryman Walter Neusel. They met three times for the domestic heavyweight crown, with Neusel winning two and one ending a draw. Heuser had 125 fights, winning 86, 43 inside the distance. He had 16 draws, two no decisions, lost seven on points, was stopped 13 times and lost another on disqualification.

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**SALERNO**—Belgium's Jean-Marc Renard defended his European featherweight title for the first time, knocking out Italian Vincenzo Limatola in the third round of a scheduled 12.

Heavyweight Antonio Russo stopped Mobay Salay on cuts in four.

Massimiliano Duran, 188, decisioned Konga Wa Konga, 177, in six.
(11-16-88)

▶**NOVARA**—Stefano Cassi, 133, decisioned Faical Naifer, 137, over eight.

Michele La Fratta decisioned Mohamed Loukil in six, lightweights.
(11-17-88)

▶**GRAGNANO**—Mwehu Beya and Mauro Galvano drew in 12 for the Italian light heavyweight championship.

Stefano Del Tufo stopped Abdelouahead Saidi in six, welters.

Middleweight Stefano Pompilio knocked out Smiraouy in six.

Featherweight Prisco Visconte knocked out Jalelledine Mastouri in the third.
(11-19-88)

▶**SAN PELLEGRINO**—Featherweight Salvatore Bottiglieri stopped Johnny Good in the fourth.

Jorge Castro stopped Jean Pierre Inama in four, middleweights.

Freddie Cruz decisioned Luis Machuca in six, lightweights.

Antonio De Santis decisioned Herman Leber in six, feathers.
(11-22-88)

▶**MILANO**—Kamel Bou Ali, 132¼, TKO'd Jesus Quinones, 130¼, in two.

Salvatore Fanni, 114½, decisioned Fethi Touati, 116¼, in six.

Maurizio Ronzoni, 142¼, decisioned Tahar Ayari, 142¼, in six.

Habib Hammami, 140, stopped Dave Griffiths, 141, on cuts in six.

Francesco Terlizzi, 188¾, decisioned Ndomingiedi Lusikina, 180, over six.
(11-22-88)

▶**FORLI**—Defending his WBC world super bantamweight title, **Daniel Zaragoza,** stopped Italian Valerio Nati in five. Each weighed 122.

Maurizio Stecca, 127¼, stopped Nigel Haddock, 127¼, in the third.

Daniel Dominguez, 156½, stopped Alejancro Garcia, 156, in six.

Gianni Di Napoli, 127½, stopped Gary De Roux, 127½, in three.

Jesus Machica, 178, won on a foul over Calogero Serio, 177½, in the second.
(11-26-88)

▶**SAN PELLEGRINO TERME**—Alessandro Duran, son of former European light middle and middleweight champion **Juan Carlos**, scored a close eight-round decision over African-born, but British-based Judas Clottey, 150.

Duran, 150½, was marked around both eyes at the conclusion. There almost wasn't a start as Clottey, unaware of where the arena is, sat in his hotel room until 11 p.m. before a hurried escort arrived to whisk him directly into the ring.
(11-29-88)

▶**CHIAVARI**—Spain's Policarpo Diaz won the vacant European lightweight championship with a five-round knockout of Italy's Luca Delorenzi before Delorenzi's home crowd.

Delorenzi was dropped in the first and again for good in the fifth.
(11-30-88)

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Grand Hotel—Andrew Pybus, 139, Birmingham, stopped Steve Hogg, 142, St. Helens, referee John Keane intervening at 0:54 of Round Three in a scheduled eight twos when Hogg was cut by the right eye.

Tony Behan, 168, Birmingham, was considered by many fans to be unlucky to obtain only a draw after six twos with Ted Coffey, 170, Nottingham. Referee Jim Pridding.

Jimmy Vincent, 134, Birmingham, avenged a previous verdict by outpointing Dean Dickenson, 135, Alfreton, referee Keane scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Julian Eavis, 143, Yeovil, did a fine substitute job in outpointing Steve Taggart, 142, Birmginham, referee Pridding casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Sean Hogg, 128, St. Helens, outpointed Andrew Robinson, 130, Birmingham, referee Pridding scoring it 59-58½ after six.
(10-17-88)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON**—Sporting Club—Tony Feliciello, 135, Rhyl, outpointed Phil Nurse, 138. Manchester, referee John Coyle casting it 79-77 after eight.

In a clash of debutants, Alfie Andrews, 147, outpointed Ayab Malik, 144, Manchester, referee Brian Arnott scoring it 60-57½ after six twos. Andrews was down in Round Three and the verdict was hotly disputed.

Humphrey Harrison, 141½, Manchester, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Phil Walters, 142, Wolverhampton, referee Coyle intervening at 1:59 of Round One of a scheduled six twos with Walters under pressure.

Carl Thompson, 182, Manchester, outpointed Paul Sheldon, 188, Alfreton, referee Coyle casting it 60-57½ after six twos.

Debutant Chris Mulcahy, 142, Manchester, outpointed Robbie Bowen, 141½, Wednesbury, referee Coyle's card showing 60-57 after six twos.
(10-11-88)

▶**STOKE**—North Staffs Sporting Club—Kevin Spratt, 140, Bradford, outpointed Steve Hogg, St. Helens, 142, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos.

Julian Eavis, 147, Yeovul, made a successful debut by outpointing Noel Rafferty, 148, Coventry, referee Larry Thompson casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.

Matthew Jones, 156, Dudley, confirmed a previous win by stopping Keith Scott, 156½, Birmingham, referee Thompson calling a halt at 0:45 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Scott had been floored twice.

Dave Pratt, 130, Leicester, drew with Sean Hogg, 128, St. Helens, over six twos. Referee Thomas.
(10-12-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—St. Andrews Sporting Club—Ronnie Carroll, 118, Glasgow, outpointed Belgian Francisco Paco Garcia, 117, referee Mullen (who controlled every bout) scoring it 99-96½ after 10.

Jim Kelly, 150, Wishaw, outpointed Seaman Casey, 152, Alfreton, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.

Gary Hickman, 122, Sunderland, stopped Brian Connell, 123½, Stirling, the intervention coming at 1:10 of Round Two in a scheduled four twos with Connell under pressure.

John Townsley, 134½, Kirkcaldy, outpointed Tony Foster, 135, Hull, scoreline 79-78 after eight twos.
(10-17-88)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Derek Angol, Camberwell, kept his unbeaten certificate by stopping Roy Smith, 193, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:45 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after Smith had been down three times.

Dave Griffiths, 141, Cardiff, beat Dean Bramhald, 142, Doncaster, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 2:39 of Round Five in a scheduled six after Bramhald had been cut by the right eye. Griffiths was down in Round Four.

Richard Bustin, 169, Norwich, stopped Dennis Banton, 168½, referee Reg Thompson intervening at 0:51 of Round Five in a scheduled six with Banton under pressure.

Roberto Gomez, 168, Hounslow, stopped debutant Jason Bradley, 169, Manchester, referee Thompson calling a halt in Round Two of a scheduled six twos with Bradley under pressure.
(10-17-88)

▶**NORTHAMPTON**—Jack Solomons Sporting Club—Frank Grant, 161½, Bradford, stopped Shaun Cummins, 159, Leicester, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Seven in a scheduled eight with a cut and swollen left eye. Ref Paul Thomas. It was Cummins' first defeat.

Inactive for over three years, Steve Enright, 127, Halifax, returned to stop Mick Markle, 126, Kettering, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with a cut by the left eye. Enright was also facially marked.

Alex Romeo, 170, Northampton, stopped Sean Stringfellow, 171, Worksop, referee Larry Thompson intervening at 1:39 of Round Five of a scheduled six twos when Sean was cut by the right eye.
(10-24-88)

▶**WINDSOR**—Blazers Night Club—Gary Mason, 241, had little difficulty in keeping his unbeaten record by disposing of American David Jaco, referee Dave Parris intervening with eight seconds left of Round Four in a scheduled 10 after Jaco had been down twice.

Michael Watson, Islington, 160¾, kept up his run of successes by stopping American Reggie Miller, 160¾, referee Parris calling a halt at the end of Round Five in a scheduled 10 when Miller was cut on the right cheekbone.

Gary Dyson, 148½, Rhyl, outpointed Robbie Bowen, 149, Wolverhampton, referee Nick White casting it 60-57 after six twos.

Dave Lake, 142, Herne Bay, stopped debutant Carl Brazier, 143, Bermondsey, referee White intervening at 1:27 of Round One in a scheduled six twos when Brazier was cut by the right eye.
(10-24-88)

▶**OLDHAM**—Kostas Petrou, 150, former British champion, stopped Ensley Bingham, 150, Manchester, referee Mickey Vann calling a halt at 1:19 of Round Seven with Bingham under pressure.

In a final eliminator for the British super featherweight title, Pat Doherty, 129¾, beat former champion Najib Daho, 128½, referee Vann intervening at 1:00 of Round Nine when Daho was cut on the forehead after a clash of heads. Doherty too was cut under both eyes. It was a year since Daho last boxed.

Tony Ekubia, 134¼, Manchester, won the vacant Central Area lightweight title by stopping Mark Kelly, 134, Doncaster, referee Brian Hogg stopping the action at 0:36 of Round Seven after Kelly had been down three times.

Debutant Peter English, 131½, Oldham, outpointed Des Gargano, 124, scoreline 40-38 after four twos.

Ricky Maxwell, 150, Nottingham, outpointed Brent Taylor, 153, Manchester, referee Garner casting it 59½-59 after six twos.
(10-18-88)

▶**EVESHAM**—Public Hall—Adam Cook, 172, Cambran, outpointed Steve Aquilina, 174, Wolverhampton, referee John Coyle scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Spencer Alton, 149, Derby, kayoed Wilbert Halliday, 147, Leicester, with 44 seconds remaining of the sixth and last (two-min) round. Alton had been down in Round Three and made a fine comeback.

Paul Murray, 154, Birmingham, stopped Geoff Calder, 152, Kidderminster, triallist referee Harry Watson intervening at 0:55 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos, ruling that Calder was in no position to defend himself, a verdict with which some ringsiders disapproved.

Steve Phillips, 142, Doncaster, drew with G.W. Gully, 147, Birmingham, over six. Referee Coyle.

Conceding weight, Ronnie Stehenson, 120, Doncaster, outpointed Chris Cooper, 126, Torquay, referee Coyle scoring it 59-58½ after six twos. It was Ronnie's fourth win over Chris. Triallist referee Watson officiated inside the ring.
(10-19-88)

▶**LONDON**—Royal Albert Hall—Commonwealth middleweight champion **Nigel Benn**, 159¼, had a shock when Jamaican Anthony Logan put him down in Round One of a scheduled 12. Benn started the second still feeling the effects, but at 1:15 of the round brought over a left to the chin. Logan was down — and out. Referee Larry O'Connell.

Benn afterwards confessed it was a mistake to try and take out Logan in the opening round, but it is to his credit that after being floored he came back like a champion to retain his title.

Trevor Hughroy Currie, 237½, outpointed Noel Quarless, 222¾, Liverpool, referee O'Connell scoring it 98½-97½ after 10. This was an eliminator for the British heavyweight title which Currie once held.

Horace Notice, the current British champion, has just had an operation for a detached retina on the left eye which will almost certainly cause his retirement.

In an eliminator for the British light welterweight title, Alex Dickson, 140, Larkhall, comfortably outpointed Mike Durvan, 140, Croydon, referee Dave Parris casting it 100-96 after 10.

Derrick Williams, 228¾, Peckham, stopped John Westgarth, 226, Newcastle, referee Roy Francis intervening at 2:15 of Round Two of a scheduled eight after Westgarth had been floored. When they met previously Williams won in seven rounds.

Errol Christie, 164½, Coventry, outpointed Winston Burnett, 175½, referee Parris scoring it 80-76 after eight. It was Burnett's 98th bout, and he seems certain to reach his century, which is uncommon in Britain these days. The last to do so was Ray Fallone.

Steve West, 154, Fulham, kayoed Jim Beckett, 159½, Newham, at 1:54 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos. Referee Francis.

Mick Driscoll, 142, Portsmouth, stopped Irishman Mick O'Donnell, 140, who was making his debut, Referee Francis intervened at 1:05 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos with O'Donnell under pressure.

Debutant Ian Strudwick, 160, Jockley, outpointed Newton Barnett, 155, Bristol, referee Francis casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(10-26-88)

▶**SHEFFIELD**—City Hall—Johnny Nelson, 188¾, Sheffield, stopped Danny Lawford, 188, Manchester, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 0:53 of Round Two after Lawford had been down. Danny afterwards announced his retirement. This fight was for the vacant Central Area cruiserweight title.

Glyn Rhodes, 139¾, stopped George Baigrie, 138, Edinburgh, referee Ron Hackett calling a halt at 1:25 of Round Two in a scheduled eight twos with Baigrie under pressure.

Nigel Bradley, 135¾, Sheffield, outpointed Dean Dickenson, 133, Alfreton, referee Tony Green scoring it 59-57½ after six twos. Both were down.

Paul Marriott, 138, Sheffield, drew with John Townsley, Glasgow, over six. Referee Hackett.

Mark Holden, 156, outpointed Darren Pilling, 155½, Burnley, referee Hackett casting it 59-58½ after six twos.
(10-26-88)

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Metropole Hotel—Derek Amory, 126, Birmingham, outpointed Dave George, 124, Swansea, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 79-78 after eight. George was down in Round Four and as he got up he clung to the referee, who was cut under the right eye as he collided with Amory. The injury bled for the rest of the bout.

Debutant Lester James, 130, Dudley, outpointed Sean Hogg, St. Helens, 129, referee Pridding casting it 59-58½ after six.

Joe Frater, 177, Grimsby, outpointed Dave Lawrence, 178, Norwich, referee Terry O'Connor scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Steve Lewsam, 189, Grimsby, inactive for four years, returned to outpoint Paul Sheldon, 193, Alfreton, referee O'Connor scoring it 60-57 after six.

Matthew Jones, 158, Dudley, outpointed Marty Duke, 156, Norwich, referee O'Connor's card showing 59½-58½ after six.
(10-27-88)

▶**COTTINGHAM**—Chris Mulcahy, 145, Haywood, outpointed Dave Croft, 139, Doncaster, referee Harry Warner scoring it 60-58½ after six twos.

Paul Shedzoy, 128, Sheffield, outpointed Darrell Petitt, 128½, Alfreton, referee Warner casting it 59½-59 after six.

Tony White, Rotherham, stopped Ricky Nelson, 152, Sheffield, referee Warner intervening in Round Two of a scheduled six twos when Nelson was cut by the right eye after a clash of heads.

Mick Mulcahy, 134, Haywood, outpointed debutant Wayne Windle, 134½, Sheffield, referee Warner scoring it 60-58 after six twos.
(10-28-88)

▶**BRENTWOOD**—Centre—Commonwealth lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 134, kept his title by stopping Mark Reefer, 134, both from Britain, referee Billy Rafferty intervening five seconds before the end of Round 10 in a scheduled 12 with Reefer under pressure. Both had eye injuries.

Jess Harding, 217, Potters Bar, stopped Denroy Bryan, 217, Swindon, referee Larry O'Connell calling a halt at 1:17 of Round Four in a scheduled eight. Bryan was down in Round Two and was cut by the left eye.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, outpointed Abner Blackstock, 186, Newport, referee O'Connell scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

Tony Velinor, 156, stopped Robert Armstrong, 156, Doncaster, referee Reg Thompson, calling a halt at 2:42 of Round Four in a scheduled six after Armstrong had been down three times.

Floored in Round Two, Jimmy Clarke, 123½, Chadwell Heath, recovered to outpoint Gary Hickman, 122, Leeds, scoreline 59-58.

Terry Collins, 129, Islington, stopped Chris Cooper, 130, Torquay, triallist referee Marcus McDonald intervening at 1:30 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Cooper had been down.
(10-28-88)

▶**PONTARDANE**—Leisure Centre—Kevin Hayde, 154, Merthyr Tudfil, kayoed Gary Pemberton, 156, in Round Four of a scheduled eight twos. Referee Wynford Jones.

Debutant Hugh Ruse, 130, Port Talbot, outpointed Miguel Matthews, 129½, Seven Sisters, referee Jones scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Mark Purcell, 144, Gloucester, beat Andy Morgan, 143½, Port Talbot, who retired at the end of Round Four in a scheduled six with an eye injury. Referee Mike Heatherwick.

Tony Britland, 154, Barmouth, outpointed Pat Dunne, 155, Llanelli, over six twos. Referee Heatherwick.
(10-25-88)

▶**STOKE**—European Sporting Club—Michael Armstrong, 126½, drew with Gary King over eight twos.

Paul Dever, 113½, Liverpool, stopped Peter Sinclair, 109, Leicester, referee Paul Thomas calling a halt at 0:46 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Sinclair had been down twice.

African Frankie Moro, 155, outpointed Paul Murray,

157, referee Thomas casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Twice down in Round One, Brian Cullen, 138, Dublin, recovered to outpoint Erwin Edwards, 136, Clapham, scoreline 59-58½ after six twos.
(10-28-88)

▶**HARTLEPOOL**—Borough Hall—Donnie Hood Glasgow stopped Graham O'Malley, Middlesbrough, referee Billy Rafferty intervening in Round Nine of a scheduled 10 with O'Malley out by the left eye. This was an official eliminator for the British bantamweight title.

Carl Crook, 135, Chorley, outpointed Ugandan Patrick Kamy, 136, referee Fred Potter scoring it 80-77 after eight.

James Hunter, 137, Middlesbrough, kayoed Sean Conn, 138, Manchester, at 1:34 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after flooring him in Round One. Referee Potter.

Debutant Pete Roberts, 139, Hull, kayoed Mark Jackson, 134, Manchester, at 1:54 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos. Referee Gerald Watson.

Northern Area heavyweight champion Paul Lister, 213, outpointed Steve Garber, Bradford, referee Watson scoring it 59½-58 after six.
(10-25-88)

▶**BEDFORD**—Corn Exchange—Branko Pavlovic, 176, stopped Derek Myers, 174½, Penge, referee Tony Walker calling a halt at 2:07 of Round One in a scheduled eight after Myers had been down twice.

John Naylor, 128½, Liverpool, outpointed Gerry McBride, 126, Manchester, referee Paddy Sower casting it 80-77 after eight twos.

Brian Nickels, 137½, Northolt, outpointed Ian Honeywood, 137, Bexleyheath, referee Tony Walker scoring it 59-58½ after six.

David Muhammad, 187½, Eastbourne, outpointed Tenko Ernie, 184½, Fulham, scoreline 60-57½ after six twos. Muhammad was down in Round One.

Mickey Lloyd, 151½, Acton, easily outpointed Chris Haydon, 151½, Greenwich, referee Sower scoring it 60-57 after six twos.
(10-31-88)

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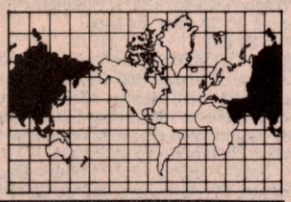

THE ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**GRESIK**—Wim Sapulete, the Indonesian Commission's #3 bantamweight, 118, chalked up a TKO win over Yanto, also 118, in 10.

Eight-rounders: Kid Karwan, 144½, scored an upset decision over Agus Wahab, the Indonesian Commission's second-ranked welterweight, at 145¾.

Gani Powor, 121¼, unanimously decisioned Puji Widodo, the IBC's #8 junior featherweight, 122¼.

Ajib, 117½, outpointed Margo Sitompul, 118.

Promoter: Lukman Hakim.
(10-15-88)

▶**CIREBON**—Bima Stadium—Ippo Gala, Indonesian flyweight champion, barely kept his title as he was held to a draw by Junus Tiran in 12. Junus, the top contender, deserves a rematch.

Newly crowned OPBF junior middleweight champ Francisco Lisboa engaged in a non-title tenner and decisioned Australian Graeme Looker on a unanimous nod.

Promoter: Rudy Chairuddin.
(10-15-88)

▶**SURABAYA**—Go Skate Hall — People say it is hard for a foreign fighter to win a decision in Indonesia. But Thai junior lightweight champ Srikun Narachavat, 126, scored his second victory in as many bouts there as he pounded out a split, but popular decision over Ganitala, the ex-national champ, in 10. The loser had forfeited his Indonesian title to Pulo Sugar Ray September 21. Srikun had previously defeated the current OPBF champ Hengky Gun in a non-title bout. He may be called "Indonesian Killer."

Eight rounders: M. Noor, the IBC's #5 junior lightweight, 128, outscored Sambung, 124.

Hudi, the IBC's #2 mini-flyweight, 102½, decisioned Ded Donjadee, a Thai boy at 105.

Herry Ariar, the IBC's #7 lightie, 131¾, won from Suroso, 130¼.

John Ireng, the IBC's #10 mini-flyweight, 102¼, outpointed Johnny Pelor, 103.

Rudy Haryanto, 130¾, drew with Mike Hollywood, 128¼.

Promoter: Gatot S.
(10-25-88)

▶**PEKANBARU, RIAU PROVINCE**—Indonesian lightweight champ Muhammad Juhari, 30 years of age, successfully kept his title by stopping John Jaya, the top contender, in the seventh round in a scheduled 12. The unconscious Jaya was hospitalized to regain his senses. Juharik is 21-5-3-INC with 10 kayoes.

Mulya Gana, the IBC's #5 flyweight, drew with Filipino Little Baguio, former WBC international light flyweight champ, in 10. Baguio had been staying here as a sparring partner for Udin in his preparation for a crack at Myung-Woo Yuh's WBA junior flyweight throne November 6 in Korea.

Daud Jordan, the IBC's #2 featherweight, unanimously beat Ryantoha, the younger brother of Juhari, in eight.
(10-25-88)

▶**BANDARLAMPUNG**—Lefty Nico Thomas, Indonesian mini-flyweight champ, sustained a bad cut over the left eyebrow in the fifth round, but showed his gameness in stopping Nana Suhana, the top contender, in the eighth session of a scheduled 12. Thomas had failed to win the WBC's international title (junior championship) on a decision to Napa Kiatwanchai, a Thai southpaw, January 26. He acquired the vacant crown as ex-champ John Arief became the WBC junior champ following Napa's relinquishment. Nico, 22, is 6-6-1 with three kayoes.

Little Holmes, Indonesian junior featherweight champ, defeated Filipino speedster Joc Hiyas, former WBC international titlist, by a unanimous decision in 10. Holmes is 20-7-2 with six knockouts.

Azadin Anhar, the IBC's top junior flyweight contender, looked sluggish but barely took a unanimous decision over Iskandar in eight. Azadin is 13-7 with seven kayoes.

Herman Muis outpointed Johnny in a junior bantam eight.

Hohanes Nanlohy the IBC's #9 flyweight, knocked out Nixon Gabriel in the fourth session of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Tinton Soeprapto.
(10-26-88)

▶**SURABAYA**—Go Skate Hall — Hengky Gun, the OPBF junior lightweight champ, 135¼, proved too strong for Thai Yungyai Petchvihar, 131, demolishing him in the seventh round of a scheduled non-title 10. Gun is 31-8 with 20 knockouts.

Robert Azumah, an African-born Indonesian and national welterweight boss, 142¼, impressively knocked out Thai Dansayarm Mahachai, 149, in the second round in a scheduled 10.

Suwarno Perico, the IBC's #2 junior welterweight, 135¼, chalked up a fifth-round TKO win over Ricardo S., 135, in a scheduled 10.

Yudith Kurniawan, ranked second in the bantamweight class by the IBC, 114¾, disposed of Margo Sitompul, also 114¾, in a scheduled 10.

Eight rounders: Puji Widodo, 122, decisioned Bilal Tamoy, 119¼.

Nanggala, 109¼, was a unanimous points winner over Santos Tengaraja, 109¼.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono.
(11-2-88)

▶**INDRAMAYU, WEST JAWA**—A dual title go was the attraction of the card.

Jossy Amnifu displayed his powerful left uppercut and knocked out Tubiyas, the IBC's #4 contender, in the fourth round to retain his Indonesian junior bantamweight title in a scheduled 12.

Noce Lukman, the Indonesian featherweight champ, kept his throne by pounding out a split decision over Kace Tomasoa in 12. Scoring: 115-112 and 115-113, both in Noce's favor, and 114-113 for Kace.

Promoter: Marin Walewangko.
(11-5-88)

▶**PADANG**—Ricky Pontoh seized the vacant Indonesian junior middleweight title by scoring a technical knockout over Valentino in the 10th session of a scheduled 12-round eliminator. The national title had been vacant after Francisco Lisboa dethroned the OPBF champ Carlos Elliot, Japan, and relinquished his laurels.

Robert Azumah, a busy campaigner and Indonesian welterweight champ, had a tough time coping with an aggressive Australian titlist named Rocky Terottina, but managed to win a decision in 10.
(11-12-88)

▶**SOLO**—Featherweight Sambung defeated Riyantoha by a decision in eight.

Bantamweight Yess Kill drew with Nyoman Gana in eight.

Yani Lombok decisioned Chamid in eight.

Promoter: Yongky Soesanto.
(11-2-88)

▶**SOLO**—Martin "Mancini" Kasange, the Indonesian Commission's #9 featherweight, outscored Nur Cholis in eight.

Daud Sanusi was a points winner over Batokana in eight.

Tony Samawa won from Charles Borneo in eight.

Promoter: Yongky Soesanto.
(11-3-88)

▶**SOLO**—Monod, the IBC's third-ranked junior featherweight, outpointed Daud Jordan in eight.

Gani Fower won from Nuryanto in eight.

Promoter: Yongky Soesanto.
(11-4-88)

▶**SOLO**—Aki Suryaman, the Indonesia's #2 flyweight, chalked up a TKO win over Little Baguio in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Hudi, the IBC's #2 mini-flyweight, drew with John Ireng in eight.

Yani Hagler Dokolamo stopped Yudhi Priyanto in the fourth session of a scheduled bantam eight.
(11-5-88)

JOE KOIZUMI, P. TINJADI LAKSONO & ABBAS PRABOWO

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—The headliner of this month is Carlos Elliott, a black American living in Japan. Carlos lost his OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior middleweight crown via an upset decision to Francisco Lisboa, an Indonesian challenger, in the latter's home town last July. Elliott, 154, engaged in a rematch with Lisboa, 152½, and recaptured the title by an impressive knockout at 2:16 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Elliott, 26, started his fireworks from the start and kept on punching the negative champ. Lisboa, an upright defensive counterpuncher, was obviously behind on points due to the challenger's unexpected aggressiveness. But Carlos revealed his tendency to lose his stamina in later rounds, and Lisboa, a cool 22-year-old, dug good shots into the belly of the early starter, clearly winning the ninth session. The defending champ was about to turn the tables when Carlos, a heavy puncher, landed a wicked right cross to the temple and sank him flat on the canvas. Thai referee Ukrit Sarasas tolled the fatal 10 over the flattened pancake. Elliott, who resides here with his Japanese wife and their baby, improved his log to 20-2 with 18 knockouts. Lisboa, who seemingly needs more experience, fell to 16-2 with eight kayoes.

Eight rounders: Hideki Uchikoshi, 122½, ran his unbeaten log to 9-0-1 with five kayoes as he halted Kazuto Yonemitsu, also 122½, at 2:47 of the third session. Winning the All Japan Novice King tourney this spring, Uchikoshi had to be inactive because of a dislocation of his left shoulder.

Nobuyuki Sudo, 115, was awarded a TKO win over Toshio Nayuki, 155, with the latter's bad bleeding at 2:47 of the third round.

Promoter: Hachinohe Teiken Promotions.
(12-1-88)

▶**HAMAMATSU**—Hamamatsu City Gymnasium—Masakatsu Aikata, 117½, floored Masaki Ryu, 117¾, with solid body shots in the fifth round and won a unanimous decision in eight.

Promoter: Seien Promotions.
(11-20-88)

▶**NAGOYA**—Nagoya City Hall—Having been stopped by Korean lefty Tae-Il Chang in his previous quest for the OPBF junior bantamweight title on May 22, Kazuto Kurahachi appeared for the first time since, but suffered an unexpected kayo loss at the hand of Yasuei Yakushiji, 119, at 1:24 of the second round in a sched-

uled 10. Kurahachi impaired to 13-5 with nine kayoes. Yakushiji, a taller ex-amateur boy, is 4-2-1 with two knockouts.

Lefty Shinji Kobayashi, 134, took a close but unanimous decision over Kojiro Sasaki, also 134, in 10. The winner is 10-9-2 with seven kayoes. Sasaki, the oldest active fighter here, fell to 16-24-11 with eight KOs.

Promoter: Matsuda Promotions.
(11-21-88)

▶**ODATE**—Odate Municipal Gymnasium—Jun Hoki, the JBC's #10 junior bantamweight, 114½, swarmed over Filipino Jun Carola, 113, dropped him twice in the first, once more in the third, and embalmed him with a big right at 2:45 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. Hoki, previously fighting as Jun Inazuma, is 11-6-2 with nine kayoes. Carola is 2-1 in Japan.

Eight-rounders: Filipino Jun Llano, 121½, caught Yoshio Kobayashi, 121½, with his opening attacks and polished him off at 1:11 of the opening canto in a scheduled eight.

Rick Hashimoto, 134¼, won a close but unanimous decision over Al Llanita, 133, in eight.
(11-25-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—With 13 consecutive wins Kenichi Kimura was expected to win the Japanese junior flyweight title from Tomohiro Kiyuna. But Kimura, 108, showed his lack of experience and lost a unanimous decision to Kiyuna, the defending champ, also 108, in 10. Kiyuna, 25, outpunched the 21-year-old challenger. Scoring: referee Ken Morita 98-96, judge Takeo Ugo 100-95, and judge Ukrit Sarasas 99-97, all in favor of the fast-moving jabber.

Kiyuna, who failed to win the WBA crown via a 12th-round kayo by **Myung-Woo Yuh**, in 1986, is 23-3 with 10 knockouts. His previous sharpness in punching looked to be fading. Kimura dropped to 14-2 with seven kayoes.

Unbeaten prospect Shigeru Okabe, 117¼, scored good straight blows, and stopped Tae-Sang Chun, 117¼, at 0:40 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10. Okabe, piloted by ex-Orient featherweight champ Mitsunori Seki, is 11-0 with seven kayoes. Chun, ex-Korean champ, is 1-2-1 — (one kayo) in his campaigns here.

In the first 10, Eiji Oyama, the JBC's #4 junior lightie, 134½, halted Luis Chito Milado, 134½, at 1:22 of the eighth session. The Japanese Commission's rule says that when a cornerman throws in a towel during the referee's taking the count, the result is registered as a knockout, not a TKO. Oyama's kayo improved his log to 16-4-3 with nine stoppages. The Filipino fell to 14-12 with eight KOs.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions.
(11-28-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Fast rising Hiroyuki Yoshino, the WBC's #28 welterweight contender, 146¾, exploded devastating left uppercuts to the button, dropped Tadafumi Miura, 146¾, twice, and flattened him at 2:02 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Yoshino scored his third defense of the national title he had captured via an impressive upset kayo of Takao Sakamoto on the undercard of Mike Tyson vs. Tony Tubbs at Tokyo Dome March 21. Yoshino, a left hooker, is 11-3-1 with eight kayoes. He is a prospect who has shown the biggest progress this year. Miura, three years his senior at 24, is 8-7-4 with three KOs.

In a supporting 10, Kimio Hirano, 110¾, was awarded an unpopular split decision over Tsuyoshi Niibori, the JBC's #10 flyweight, 110¾, despite the latter's furious body attacks in later rounds.

Scoring: referee Kazunobu Asao 96-95, Niibori; judge Ken Morita 98-97, Hirano; and judge Kodai Kumazaki 98-95, Hirano. The lefty winner, who kept retreating in the latter half, is 6-3-2 with no KOs. Niibori, three years his junior at 19, fell to 4-1-1 with two knockouts.

Promoter: Therapy Watanabe Promotions.
(12-6-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Lefty puncher Kenji Iizumi, the JBC's top featherweight contender, 130, displayed his power punching and stretched Thai Rundej Thanakorn, also 130, unconscious at 2:24 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa refereed. Iizumi, returning from a campaign in Los Angeles, improved to 19-2 with 15 KOs. Rundej fell to 10-7-2 with nine knockouts.

Kengo Fukuda, another featherweight ranked second by our commission, 125½, floored Ratana Singsamuang, a game and busy Thai at 125, in the first, third and seventh rounds, winning a unanimous decision (98-91, 99-90 and 99-91) in 10. Ratana, the Thai top junior featherweight contender, was a 19-year-old prospect, but revealed a lantern jaw despite his continual rallies. Kengo, a popular boxer due to his handsome face, is 14-1-1 with nine knockouts. Ratana suffered his second defeat against 13 wins, including six kayoes.

Shinichiro Hiraiwa, 117½, outscored Kazuma Saeki, 117½, in a close eight.

Promoter: Misako Promotions.
(12-12-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**SEOUL**—Walker Hill Sheraton Hotel—WBA junior bantamweight champ **Kaosai Galaxy**, 115, retained his throne by demolishing **Chang-Ho Choi**, former IBF flyweight titlist, also 116, at 0:56 of the eighth session in a scheduled 12 (see Feb. '88 issue).

The semifinal saw Bong-Chun Park, the OPBF lightweight champ, 137, dispose of Kwon-Shik Kim, 137¼, at 1:57 of the sixth round in a scheduled non-title 10. Park, the WBC's #12 contender, is 13-9-7 with three kayoes. Kim fell to 5-4-6 with just a knockout.

Yul-Woo Lee, a flyweight prospect ranked ninth by the WBC, 114, appeared after his previous setback to **Miguel Mercedes** and finished Houn-Kuk Chae, 113¼, at 2:47 of the third session of a scheduled 10. Lee is 15-1 with eight knockouts. Chae, ex-Korean flyweight boss, fell to 13-4-3 with three kayoes.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.
(10-9-88)

▶**AHNSAN**—Ahnsan Municipal Ground — **Kyung-Yun Lee**, former IBF world mini-flyweight champion, 107¼, displayed his strength in polishing off Sang-Sik Chang, the KBC's #9 strawweight, 106½, at 3:03 of the second session of a scheduled 10. Lee, the WBC's second-ranked contender, is 14-1 with six knockouts. Chang dropped to 8-11-1.

Bong-Jun Kim, the WBA's top minimumweight contender, 107¼, needed just 96 seconds to finish Sung-Kon Lee, 105¼, in a scheduled eight.

Having lost a highly controversial decision to Venezuelan Leo Gamez in a WBA eliminator last January, Kim has been waiting for an oft-postponed rematch ordered by the WBA. Kim is 16-5-3 with six knockouts.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(10-29-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—Ha-Shik Lim, the WBA's sixth-ranked minimumweight, 109¼, faced a tough Filipino named Allan Morre, 109¼, but sank him for the count with a wicked body shot at 0:48 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Lim is 21-11-2 with five knockouts. Morre fell to 12-6-1 with eight kayoes.

Wang-Sup Lee, the WBA's #7 super middleweight contender, 170¼, ran his unbeaten log to 9-0-1 with seven kayoes as he disposed of Min-Woo Lee, also 170¼, at 1:02 of the third session of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.
(10-30-88)

▶**CHUNGJU**—Chan-Mok Park, 125½, came off the canvas in the sixth round and outjabbed and outboxed Byung-Soo Park, the defending champ at 126, to capture the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) featherweight title in 12.

The upright stylist Chan-Mok piled up good points with fast jabs and one-twos, dominating the contest. The sixth saw the champ connect with a countering left hook dropping Chan-Mok on the deck for a compulsory eight count. The third man deducted a point from Chan-Mok for his repeated clinches in the 11th round, but his accumulation of points in early rounds carried him to the title.

Scoring: referee Hwan-Soo Yuh, judges Jin-Kuk Kim and Chul-Hee Han, all 117-115 for the new titlist. Chan-Mok, formerly an amateur boxer, is known for his lack of punching power and is 10-2-1 with no knockouts.

Korean junior welterweight champ Moon-Shil Chi, 138¾, barely kept his crown via a hard-fought draw with Pyong-Sup Kim, 139, in 10. Chi is 14-0-1 with five kayoes, Kim is 7-4-2 with three kayoes. Chi was favored to win easily, but had a tough time with the determined challenger.

Promoter: Waryong Promotions.
(11-13-88)

▶**NOTES:** As **Jung-Koo Chang** decided to give up his WBC light flyweight title after 15 consecutive defenses, a WBC eliminator will take place in Korea between Mexican German Torres and Soon-Jun Kang (Chang's stablemate ranked third by the WBC) December 11. The most sensational matchup isn't this eliminator, but a long awaited encounter of In-Chul Baek vs. Chong-Pal Park December 25. Baek is the OPBF middleweight kingpin with a fine log of 43-2 with 40 knockouts. Park is formerly the IBF's and WBA's super middleweight ruler with also excellent credentials of 46-4-2 with 39 kayoes. Each will pocket some $70,000 as a purse.

▶**SEOUL**—Palpal Gymnasium—It was a card featuring unbeaten rising prospects against Filipino opponents with Korean boys winning by fine knockouts.

Tae-Shik Chun, the KBC's second-ranked featherweight, 127½, amazed the crowd with his quick demolition of Young Abaloyan, also 127½, at 1:52 of the opening canto in a scheduled 10. Chun responded to Abaloyan's opening attacks with left and right hooks, and his following straight right sank him for the count. Tae-Shik improved to 9-0 with seven knockouts. Abaloyan, the Filipino top contender, is 24-8 with nine kayoes.

In a companion 10, Keum-Soo Yuh, 110¼, was a bit befuddled by the repeated low ducking of Ronnie Tan, 109¾, but battered him with fast one-twos and lifted a wicked right uppercut, knocking him out at 1:51 of the eighth session. Yuh is 10-0 with five kayoes. Tan fell to 12-4-3 with nine KOs.

Both victors had won the Korean Novice King tourney this year and look promising.

Young-Yong Lee, 141¾, outpointed Il-Soo Chung, also 141¾, in eight.

Promoter: Korea Sports Promotions.
(11-19-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean junior middleweight champ Sang-Do Chung, 154, successfully retained his title by outpointing Sang-Chul Lee, also 154, in 10.

Chung challenged Carlos Elliott in his quest for the OPBF crown, losing a close decision just a year ago. After the defeat, Chung took the vacant Korean throne.

Chung is 15-3-2 with nine kayoes. Lee is 7-4-1 with four knockouts.

Myung-Kyu Lee, 103½, kept his national mini-flyweight title via a unanimous decision over Min-Woon Kim, 105, in 10. Lee is 9-3-2 with four knockouts. Kim, the top contender, dropped to 9-4-3 with seven KOs.

Jae-Won Choi, an unbeaten challenger, 121¼, captured the Korean junior featherweight title by beating Yung-Kyun Park, the defending champ, also 121¼, on points in 10. Choi extended his unblemished log to 11-0 with five kayoes. Park tasted his first setback and dipped to 11-1-1 with six KOs.

Sam-Joong Lee, the WBC's #16 strawweight contender, 106¾, proved too strong for Sung-Rok Yuh, 106½, disposing of him at 1:31 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Lee is 15-3 with five knockouts.

Promoter: Hungdai Promotions.
(11-27-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Chamshil Students' Gymnasium—**Sung-Kil Moon,** the WBA bantamweight champion, 117¼, knocked out Edgar Monserrat, a lefty Panamanian, 117½, at 0:48 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. It was the first defense by Moon, who is 8-0 with seven kayoes. Monserrat fell to 20-7-1 with 12 KOs.

Chil-Sung Chun, the WBC's ninth-ranked lightweight, 137¼, showed his progress in demolishing Superboy Eakvat, a taller Thai at 136¼, at 1:41 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Chun's body attacks were so effective as to weaken the sluggish opponent. Chun is 12-1 including eight kayoes, with his sole loss to the late Rico Velasquez in Los Angeles in 1987. The Thai loser is 5-5 with four KOs.

Unbeaten Ki-Joon Lee, the KBC's top junior featherweight contender, 123, came off the canvas in the first round and retaliated with a lethal left hook, flattening Panamanian Azael Moran, also 123, at 2:48 of the third round in a supporting 10.

Lee is 11-0 with nine kayoes. Moran dropped to 17-6 with eight KOs.

Korean junior flyweight champ Byung-Shik Bae, 107¾, retained his throne by outscoring Jung-Keun Lim, 107½, in 10. Bae is 11-2-2 with four kayoes. Lim impaired to 9-4 with two KOs.

Elongated Shin-Heung Lee, Korean junior lightweight champ, 129½, utilized his longer reach and unanimously decisioned Tae-Man Chang, 129¾, in 10. Lee, a 5'10" lanky champ, is 15-3-1 with eight kayoes. Tae-Man, the younger brother of the OPBF junior bantamweight champ Tae-Il-Chang, fell to 9-3-1 with three KOs.

Eight rounders: Ke-Youn Yuh, 118, drew with Young-Ki Chi, 118.

Chin-Won Mok, 142½, lost to Young-Soo Kim, 142½.

Keun-Ho Kim, 118, outscored Seung-Kwan Lee, also 118.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(11-27-88)

▶**KWANGJU**—Kwanju Indoor Gymnasium—Filipino prospect **Luisito Espinosa**, the WBC's eighth-ranked bantamweight, 120, lost a very controversial split decision to unbeaten Korean **Yung-Chun Min**, 120, 10. The taller and faster Espinosa looked several points ahead and his hand was raised just after the bout. The decision, however, was reversed five minutes later because a judge made a mistake by scoring points on the opposite boys. Espinosa made good use of his longer reach and superior height, outjabbing and outpunching the shorter Korean. In later rounds Min came close to Luisito with short punches, but didn't look to have overcome his early deficit. This bout caused a scandal and reportedly made the punishment committee of the Korean Commission consider the judge's suspension.

A 6'2" Japanese named Naoki Ito, 138¾, survived a knockdown in the second round and fought back from the third round on to stop Chul Kang, also 138¾, at 1:09 of the ninth round to capture the OPBF junior welterweight throne in a scheduled 12. None in Japan expected Naoki to take the title abroad due to his glass jaw, but he scored an amazing upset. Ito's one-twos caught the defending champ repeatedly, and he floored him with his specialty midway in the fatal session. When Ito followed up with a barrage of punches, the referee declared a well-received halt. Ito, who suffered a first-round kayo at the hand of Akinobu Hiranaka in his quest for the title in August of 1987, is 12-4 with six kayoes. Kang fell to 10-8 with eight KOs.

Unbeaten Yong-Hoon Lee, 118, became the new Korean bantamweight champ by outpointing Chong-Pil Park, 118, in 10. Lee is 11-0 with five knockouts. Park is 13-1 with four KOs. It was an encounter of unbeaten prospects.

Sung-Woon Song, 135, decisioned Chong-Kil Kim, also 135, to retain his Korean lightweight title in 10. Song is 17-1 with four kayoes. Kim impaired to 7-4-3 with six KOs.

Unbeaten Yun-Un Chin, 114¼, ran his unbeaten credentials to 17-0 with 10 kayoes by demolishing Dae-Chul Chun, 114¼, at 2:20 of the second round in eight. The loser fell to 7-4-2 with five stoppages.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(12-4-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—Chung-Soo Suh, formerly an outstanding amateur boxer, 119¾, made a fine pro debut as he displayed impressive sharpness and gave a lesson to Filipino Roger Vicera, 120¼, in eight. Suh failed to participate in the Seoul Olympic Games due to losing a close decision in a final of the Korean elimination tourney. Dong-A Promotions reportedly paid some 75,000 US dollars to scout the prospect. He looks to be worth the price. The Filipino impaired to 12-4-2 with three kayoes.

Korean junior bantamweight champ **Chong-Kwan Chung**, 115, showed more experience in copping a unanimous nod over Heun-Kuk Chae, 114¾, in 10. Chung, former IBF world champ, is 17-10-4 with six knockouts. Chae is 12-5-4 with five KOs.

Tae-Han Bae, 159¼, seized the vacant Korean middleweight title by disposing of Chong-Hwa Park, 158¾, at 3:03 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Bae is 5-1-1 with a kayo. Park is 6-4-1 with two stoppages.

Seung-Tae Chang, the KBC's #5 middleweight, 150¼, overwhelmed Sung-Woo Shin, 150½, and stopped him at 2:05 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Chang is 4-0 with two kayoes. Shin is 2-2.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.
(12-9-88)

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▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Filipino mini-flyweight champ **Pretty Boy Lucas**, the WBC's third-ranked contender, 105¾, dropped Thai Visuna Kiatsonthaya, 102½, thrice and scored a TKO win in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Joe Hiyas, former WBC international super bantamweight champ, 126¾, eked out a split decision over tough-and-tumble Bert Pucay, 126, in 10.

Gilbert George, the GAB's fourth-ranked featherweight, 127, took a unanimous decision from Roberto Granclosa, 126½, in 10.

Roger de Rama, a fast-rising lefty, 109, was awarded a split nod over Jun Altarejos, 108, in 10.

Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.
(9-1-88)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—Araneta Coliseum—Former IBF junior flyweight and flyweight champ **Dodic Boy Penalosa**, 112, utilized his southpaw style and sharper punching, copping a unanimous decision over Korean Bi-Won Chung, 114, in 10.

Cobra Ari Blanca, the Filipino top junior bantie, 115, produced an upset as he was given a technical decision over Romy Navarrete, 113¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Nick Ampong, 120¼, won from Rodel Merano, 121¾, in 10.

Boy Dignos, 104½, fought to a split draw with Armando Tenoria, 104, in 10.

Tom Ramos, 110, chalked up a TKO victory over Jun Villablanca, 117, in the third session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Rex Salud.
(9-2-88)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Filipino lightweight champ Bernabe Allping, 134, pounded out a unanimous decision over Geron Porras, ex-OPBF titlist, 133¾, in 10.

Cris Saguid, 128, TKO'd Ramon West, 130, in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.

Hilario Baoy, 123, stopped Ronnie Solis, 124, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Raffy Panagan.
(9-2-88)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Edgar Apatan, the GAB's #7 junior featherweight, 124, fought to a split draw with Sul Inting, 126, in 10.

Mario Sumalinog, 122, halted Rey Villacura, 120, in the third session of a scheduled 10.

Loloc Elloren, 110, took a majority nod over Rico Siadora, also 110, in 10.

Noli de Guia, 159, TKO'd Rolando Aldemir, 158, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Raffy Panagan.
(9-3-88)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Boy Ligas, the GAB's #4 lightie, 131, unanimously whipped Frank Domino, 129¼, in 10.

Fernando Baja, 106, won from John Medina, 107, in a unanimous 10.

Promoter: Ben Ompoc.
(9-4-88)

▶**QUIRINO PROVINCE**—Jun Pastor, the Filipino top welterweight contender, 142, swarmed over Elmer Leonardo, 142½, and stopped him in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(9-9-88)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Toung Rey, 112, was a unanimous points winner over Trifon Torralba, also 112, in 10.

Boy Ligas, the GAB's #4 lightie, 133, won from Bimbo Canaya, 137, in 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
(9-10-88)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Luis Milado, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, 130, defeated Flash Ursus, also 130, by a unanimous decision in 10.

Rex Cailing, 110, TKO'd Nathan Ballerda, also 110, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Little Campo, 130, pounded out a unanimous nod over Jun Arbas, 130, in 10.

Rey Paciones, 114, won over Kid Kanashiro, also 114, in 10.

Mario Sumalinog, 122, decisioned Elmer Cubnillas, also 122, in 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
(9-10-88)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Pat Bracero, 118, won from Jun Edward, also 118, in 10.

Felix Mantos, 111, unanimously decisioned Al Campanta, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Isabelo Bacolod.
(9-11-88)

▶**PANABO, DAVAO**—Nelson Cabig, 116, defeated Tim Balantay, 117, by winning a unanimous decision in 10.

Francis Velasquez, 128, TKO'd Jun Placencia, 129, in 10.

Promoter: Joel Obsioma.
(9-14-88)

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Colliseum—Filipino junior bantamweight champ Edel Geronimo, 113, impressively kept his crown via a seventh-round TKO over Eldie Pardero, 113, in a scheduled 12.

Rolando Navarrete, 134, TKO'd Bisanti Santoso, 132, in the second session of a supporting 10.

Ronnie Vallescas, 111, eked out a split nod over Nilo Endic, also 111, in 10.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
(9-16-88)

▶**SAN JUAN, LA UNION**—Celso Aregio, the GAB's #8 junior featherweight, 124, scored a TKO over Ronnie Belaro, 122, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.

Rex Rapiso, 112, was awarded a technical decision over Mario Allguin, 114, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(9-16-88)

▶**BASILAN LAMITAN**—Roger Gamayot, 110, took a split decision over Star Molina Jr., 112, in 10.

Promoter: Fortunato Sobrepena.
(9-17-88)

▶**DIGOS, DAVAO**—Ronnie Tan, 110, registered a technical knockout over Ver Parcon, 112, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.
(9-24-88)

▶**SANTIAGO, ISABELA**—Filipino junior featherweight champ Flash Emmanuel, 124, won a split decision over Boy Masuay, 124, in 10.

Hilbert Aragon, 126, stopped Ador Unesto, also 126, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(9-25-88)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DEL NORET**—Roger Vicera, 118, unanimously decisioned Gil Asesor, 117, in 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(9-25-88)

▶**TUAMUINI, ISABELA**—Jessie Solis, 142, won a unanimous verdict over Archie Garcia, 146, in 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(9-25-88)

▶**LUCENA CITY**—Mon Desoloc, 147, was a points winner over Roy Angara, 148, in a unanimous 10.

Promoter: Felimon Vasquez.
(9-25-88)

▶**JAGNA, BOHOL**—Del Tengam, 110, halted Mike Olingau, 108, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Monico Galarpe.
(9-29-88)

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Leon Collins, the GAB's second-ranked featherweight, 129, won a majority nod over Rudy Cabiles, 127½, in 10.

Rolando Pascua, 112, TKO'd Jun Altarejos, also 112, in the sixth canto of a scheduled 10.

Rolando Protacio, 109, stopped Vic Galme, 113, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Marino Galarpe.
(9-30-88)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—University of Baguio Gym—Francisco Ferrer, Filipino welterweight champion, 147, was connecting with heavy punches and won a unanimous decision over Arman Pecar, also 147, in 12. It was Ferrer's second defense of the title he had wrested from Dionisio Castillo in February, 1987. Francisco, a stout built banger, weakened the fast moving challenger with his constant attacks.

Hilbert Aragon, ranked fifth in the featherweight class by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board), 128, chalked up a technical knockout over Hilario Baoy, 127, at 2:20 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.

Eight rounders: Jonathan Fin, 128, kayoed Julio Veliente, 128, at 2:54 of the second session.

Voltaire Pacuyan, 122, unanimously decisioned Ronnie Solis, also 122.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(10-1-88)

▶**SAN MATEO, ISABELA**—Cris Sagiud, the Filipino top featherweight contender, 127, scored a TKO victory over David John, also 127, in the ninth canto of a scheduled 10.

Armando Tenoria, 112, was awarded a split decision over Sammy Pagaduan, also 112, in 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(10-1-88)

▶**TRENTO, AGUSAN DEL SUR**—Former national junior bantamweight champ Ruben dela Cruz, 118, took a unanimous nod over also ex-Filipino titlist Jun Resma, 118, in 10.

Roy Pollard, 118, won from Teo Aradora, also 118, in 10.

Warlito Franco, 110, TKO'd Andy Selitona, 110, in the seventh canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Leonardo Bacus.
(10-1-88)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—U.M. Gym—Elson Duran, the GAB's top mini-flyweight contender, 109, pounded out a unanimous decision over Rex Cailing, 108, in 10.

Ben Capagngan, a free swinging puncher, 121, won a majority duke over Mario Sumalinog, 121, in 10.

Bimbo Canaya, 135, halted Victor Sagaad, 133, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Pepito Simblante, 121, drew with Speedy Sidong, 121, in 10.

Leo Ramirez, 107½, won over Pablo Hoyle, 106½,

in 10.
Rey Ligas, 116, TKO'd Rey Estremos, 114, in the third canto of a supporting eight.
Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.
(10-1-88)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Toril Gym—Jun Ramos, the Filipino top junior welterweight contender, 150, proved too strong for Fred Tadena, also 150, in 10.
Zaldy Ortega, 120, drew with Tony Boy Bello, 120, in eight.
Jun Cajes, 118, won over Jun Aviles, 118, in six.
Promoter: Victor A. Quiambao.
(10-5-88)

▶**ISULAN, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Mario Parcon, the GAB's #6 flyweight, 115, unanimously decisioned Nelson Cabig, 115, in 10.
Elmer Cubillas, 120, impressively scored a TKO over William Sanchez, 120, in the second session of a supporting 10.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
(10-8-88)

▶**MANGAGOY, SISILIG, SURIGAO DEL SUR**—Francis Velasques, the Filipino #5 junior lightie, 128, registered a third-round TKO over Lec Lancian, 129, in a scheduled 10.
Geofrey Geconcillo, 112, eked out a majority nod over Joe General, 111, in 10.
Rush Rogelio, 115, unanimously beat Jun Parcon, 116, in 10.
Promoter: Benedicto Grino.
(10-8-88)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Baguio College Foundation Gym—Former Filipino junior bantamweight champ Constancio Dangla, 118½, showed his ring experience in taking a unanimous decision over Fidel Ymbong, 118½, in 10.
Tarjon Miro, 120, was awarded a technical decision over Rolando Bavarres, 119½, in the eighth canto of a supporting 10.
Cesar Gutierrez, 129, was given a majority verdict over Eric Togana, 139, in six.
Promoter: Lorenzo Pilando.
(10-8-88)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Gold City Coliseum—Rod Naiconi, the GAB's second-ranked flyweight, decked an upset decision over Filipino junior flyweight boss Sonny Vidal, 113, in 10. Sonny's national title was not at stake.
Jun Torregoza, 114, fought to a split draw with Jun Eduard, 115, in 10.
Felix Mantos, 114, took a majority decision over Ruel Durano, 114, in 10.
Vic Tinaco, 104, unanimously decisioned Janni Jabin, 105, in 10.
Promoter: Quintin Kaamino.
(10-8-88)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—CYO Gym—Nick Ampong, the Filipino #5 bantie, 122, unanimously decisioned Tom Ramos, 122, in 10.
Ronnie "Boy" Tan, 111, beat Loloc Elloren, 110, on points in 10.
Nathan Ballerda, 111, won from Al Campania, 108½, in 10.
Bebot Zaballero, 108, stopped Edwin Gallardo, 111, in the fifth canto of a scheduled six.
Promoter: Victor Quiambao.
(10-8-88)

▶**TAGUM**—U.M. Gym—Luis Milado, the Filipino top junior lightweight contender, 133, unanimously outscored Louie Ilago, 133, in 10.
Boy Ligas, 132, won over Flash Urbus, 132, in 10.
Young Rey Cascas, 113, whipped Jun Generale, 113, in 10.
Rey Paciones, 117, was a unanimous points winner over Jun Torregoza, 117, in 10.
Gilbert Albay, 123, defeated Fernando Carupo, 123, on points in 10.
Promoter: Resurreccion Obero.
(10-15-88)

▶**AGUSAN DEL NORTE**—Magallanes Gym—Rex Cailing, 112, scored a fine TKO win over Terry Felisilda, also 112, in the fourth canto of a scheduled 10.
Nelson Yacapin, 120, TKO'd Eddie Torrecampo, 121, in the third session of a scheduled 10.
Kid Alcala, 118, stopped William Galicia, 116, in the fifth canto of a scheduled six.
Promoter: Gideon T. Bokingo.
(10-16-88)

▶**TUBOD, LANAO DEL NORTE**—John Medina, 110, took a split decision over Orlando Calderon, 111, in 10.
Jessim Garzon, 130, earned a majority duke over Jun Placencia, 129, in 10.
Del Timgam, 108, won from Cris Sanches, 108, in 10.
Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(10-16-88)

▶**PIGCAWAYAN, NORTH COTABATO**—Roy Pollard, the GAB's #8 junior bantie, 118, chalked up a TKO win over Ric Apatan, 118, in the third session of a scheduled 10.
Juanito Cuma, 107, drew with Rene Debolgado, 107, in eight.
Promoter: Ben Hur Bedia.
(10-19-88)

▶**BAGUIO**—University of Baguio Gym—Sammy Baculong, the Filipino #7 flyweight, appeared six pounds heavier than his class and was held to a split draw by Joseph Ladipe, a veteran campaigner, 116½, in 10.
Audy Murphy, 116¾, unanimously decisioned Joseph Pacling, 112½, in 10.
Tito Amarado, 120, won a unanimous nod over Roy Valentino, 119, in eight.
Promoter: Emily dela Rama.
(10-22-88)

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—**Pretty Boy Lucas**, one of the brightest prospects in this country, 104¾, hammered out a lopsided decision over Boy Dignos, also 104¾, in 12 heats. Lucas utilized his height advantage, scoring straight blows to the shorter challenger. Dignos fought well, but hit the deck from a wicked left hook for the mandatory eight count in Round 11. Scoring: Paul Unico 117-113, Alex Francisco 119-112 and Bobby Cedo 119-110, all for the very lanky champ. Nestor Olivetti refereed.
Romeo Opriasa, 114, was awarded a technical decision over Rolando Protacio, 113¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Cris Saguid, the Filipino top featherweight contender, 127½, scored a TKO over Fernando Palad, a late substitute for the #2 featherweight Gilbert George, 127½, at 1:59 of the sixth session of a scheduled 10.
Joel Revilla, 105, took a split decision over Anthony Rendiza, also 105, in 10.
Jonathan Penalosa, 110, decisioned William M. Alip, 109½, in eight.
Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.
(10-22-88)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Loremer Pontino**, Filipino bantamweight champ ranked 10th by the WBA, 118, showed his vaunted power in making short work of Kid Tavera, 118, in the first round in a scheduled 12.
Ruben dela Cruz, 116, TKO'd Ellysser Bautista, 116, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.
Ben Capagnan, 120, won from Elmer Cubillas, 120, in 10.
Ricky Flor, 107, decisioned Julio Bilo, 106, in 10.
Triffon Torralba, 112, beat Eduard Adame, 112, on points in 10.
Promoter: Natividad Baugbog.
(10-22-88)

▶**SURIGAO DEL NORTE**—Ali Albaracin, 130, was a TKO winner over Nicky Wenceslao, 132, at 1:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
Jun Lizant, 111, stopped Sol Bonso, 110, at 2:15 of the sixth session of a supporting eight.
Promoter: Ben Roz.
(10-22-88)

▶**PRCI, SANTA ANA**—Jonathan Fin, 132, fought well and took an upset split decision over Danilo Contado, 132, in 10.
Amado Cabato, 128, was held to a technical draw by Boy Masuay, 129, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Saturnino Sebellena, 131, and William Villaflor, 120½, battled to a split draw in eight.
Promoter: A.P. Reyes.
(10-24-88)

▶**PARANAQUE**—Elorde Sports Complex—Bert Granciosa, 128, swarmed over Herbert Aragon, the GAB's fifth-ranked featherweight, 128, and scored a fine TKO win at 2:48 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Sammy Tyson Pagaduan, 108, TKO'd Eugene Flores, 107¾, at 2:19 of the fifth canto of a scheduled eight.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
(10-26-88)

▶**ANGELES CITY**—Jun Villablanca, 118, whipped Al Mariano, 118, to win a technical knockout at 2:58 of the sixth session of a scheduled 10.
Eddie Amad, 121, kayoed Ador Castro, 123, at 2:13 of the first round in a scheduled six.
Promoter: Antonio Esguerra.
(10-29-88)

▶**MAMBAJAO, CAMIGUIN PROVINCE**—Bonie Ballientos, 118, stunned the crowd with his quick stoppage of Jimmy Kid Jimenes, 118, at 2:07 of the opening canto in a scheduled 10.
Lucio Llanasa, 110, fought to a majority draw with Rocky Leolets, also 110, in eight.
Promoter: Gualberio Salcedo.
(10-30-88)

▶**DAVAO DEL SUR**—Digos Magsaysay Gym—Ramil Austria, 118, pounded out a unanimous decision over Pepito Semblante, 118, in 10.
Felix Sadili, 116, won from Jun Parcon, 116, in 10.
Jun Bentoy, 109, decisioned Arnold Parcon, 110, in a uanimous six.
Promoter: William Sanchez Sr.
(10-31-88)

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▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thongtep Petsiracha, the Thai Commission's fifth-ranked flyweight, 113, defeated Veerachai Vongprasert, the #6 contender, 112½, by a unanimous decision in six. It was an encounter of puzzling lefties, but the winner displayed better southpaw jabs. Thongtep is 10-7 with no kayos.
(11-3-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Former Thai junior featherweight champ Downmai Sithkodom weighed in nine pounds heavier than his ranked class limit of 122, but proved stronger than Kongnapha Chorvikul, 128, taking a unanimous decision in six. Downmai is 26-4 with 16 knockouts.
(11-5-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Thantavan Vongvianyai, the TBC's #3 junior bantie, outpointed Nagrub Sorphayathai, 117, via a unanimous nod in six. The winner is 11-1 with five knockouts.
(11-8-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sot Chitalada**, whose world flyweight championship was wrested via an upset decision by Yong-Kang Kim last July, 118, fought for the first time since and easily halted Filipino Ronny Berlano, 118½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Sot is 15-2-1 with 11 kayoes. The loser failed to answer the bell on the stool, though it sounded to begin the fatal session.
Ex-WBA bantamweight leader **Kaokor Galaxy**, 120, battered Mexican George Rodriguez, 120, and demolished him at 2:12 of the eighth round of a scheduled 10. The lefty Thai dropped the Mexican victim twice in the fatal round. Kaokor is 20-1 with 16 knockouts.
(11-9-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Unbeaten Kom Sorthanikul, the TBC's #7 mini-flyweight, outpointed Singprasert Kitikasem in six. Kom is 9-0 with three kayoes.
(11-10-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Pornchai Boonthavee, The Thai sixth-ranked junior flyweight, 108, beat Wisanuchai Kiatsonthaya, 108, on points in eight. Pornchai is 9-2 with four knockouts.
(11-14-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Thanjai Donjadee, the TBC's #7 junior flyweight, 115, unanimously decisioned Saksurin Kiatkanbinthai, 117, in six. Thanjai is 14-7 with eight kayoes.
(11-15-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Former Thai lightweight boss Downthong Chuvatana, 140, wrested the national junior welterweight crown in his second comeback fight as he survived a first-round visit to the deck and knocked out Veera Kiatsongthaya, also 140, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Downthong had been inactive for years before his previous comeback go.
(11-17-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Muangchai Kitikasem, the WBC's 10th-ranked light flyweight, 112, decked his third bout after his Muay-Thai (national kick boxing) career as he disposed of Korean Seung-Yup Kang, 111, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Muangchai had beat Indonesian champ Udin in his debut and polished off Japanese Hisao Nayuki in the first round. Muangchai is 3-0 with two kayoes.
(11-18-88)

▶**SAMUTHSAKORN**—Siam Boxing Stadium—Up-and-coming Bangsan Torkarchsan, the TBC's #5 junior featherweight, displayed his fearful power in decking ex-featherweight champ Ayuthaya Sithphakamron, 125, thrice to finish him in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Bangsan, a lefty hard puncher, raised his log to 4-0 with as many knockouts.
(11-19-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Phalan Lukmingkwan, newly ranked third in the TBC's mini-flyweight ratings, 107, defeated veteran Ded Donjadee, also 107, by a unanimous decision in six.
(11-21-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Sombutr Euasampan, the TBC's top bantamweight contender, 116, showed his aggressiveness in copping a unanimous nod over old soldier Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 116, in six. Sombutr is 15-6 with nine knockouts.
(11-25-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Trang T. Boonlert, the TBC's top mini-flyweight contender and ex-champion, 109, with a four-month layoff, barely lasted the second session and came back to finish Sakda Looksuriya, 110, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight. Sakda's experience in the international fights cost him as he ran out of gas in the later rounds. Trang is 14-4- with seven kayoes.
(11-24-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Phalangnum Sorparinya, the Thai #4 mini-flyweight, 108, engaged in a return with Koban Sithkruchat, his perennial rival at 108, but found it too easy to repeat a kayo win over the fragile opponent in the second round of a scheduled six. Phalangnum had iced him also in Round Two about a couple of months before. The winner's body shots collapsed Sithkruchat in agony.
(11-25-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Thai new flyweight titlist Champ Kiatpetch, 115, took more time than expected to finish a neglected victim named Kaopongnoi Thaveeratana, also 115, but sank him in the fourth session of a scheduled six. Kaopongnoi keeps his losing run. He was not a proper contestant ni the newly crowned champ's first showing.

Kiatpetch, this year, has scored five kayo wins in six bouts.
(11-26-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thaveelert T. Boonlert, the younger brother of Mai Thomburifarm (a loser to Hiroki Ioka a year ago in his bid for the WBC strawweight title in Japan), 106, extended his unbeaten log to 11-0 with eight knockouts, polishing off Nau Sithnaruaphon, 105, in the second session of a scheduled six.
(11-27-88)

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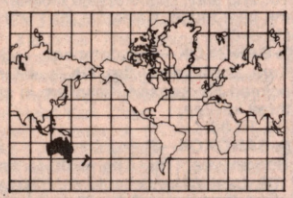


PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MT. PRITCHARD**—Community Club—Apollo Sweet, 186, retained his Australian and OPBF cruiserweight titles with a 12-round points win over former champion Kevin Wagstaff, 186.

There was too much mauling, but they were willing. Don Marks scored 116-114 for Wagstaff, who was down in Round Seven, but Ray Wheatley, 116-114, and John Wright, 116-112, saw it for Sweet. Billy Males refereed.

Paul Edwards, 158, won a six-round decision over Dino Billinghurst, 161¾, in one of the best fights of the year. Marks and Males scored 59-56, with Wheatley scoring 60-57, all in favor of Edwards. Wright refereed.

Mario Crisafulli, 139¾, outpointed comebacking Disco George, 144¾, over six, the scores reading 60-55 (twice) and 58-56. Wheatley reffed.

Vic Caruso, 171, drew with Wayne Thomas, 169½, over four, the scores going 40-38, Caruso, 38-38, and 39-38, Thomas. Wright was the ref.

Victor Wesley, 139½, outpointed Billy Cowling, 136½, 39-38 (twice) and 39-36. Wheatley refereed.

Promoter: Frank Axisa.
(11-16-88)

IBF/WBA/WBC RATINGS

IBF as of January
WBA as of December
WBC as of November

HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Mike Tyson (US)	**C**	**C**	**C**
Carl Williams (US)	1	4	3
James Douglas (US)	2	–	5
Frank Bruno (England)	3	1	1
Evander Holyfield (US)	4	–	–
Trevor Berbick (US)	5	8	9
Orlin Norris (US)	6	7	7
Francesco Damiani (Italy)	7	2	–
Donovan Ruddock (Canada)	8	6	4
Michael Dokes (US)	9	9	8
Renaldo Snipes (US)	10	–	10
Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)	–	3	2
Jose Ribalta (US)	11	5	6
Alex Stewart (US)	–	10	21

CRUISERWEIGHT/ JR. HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)	1	9	4
Taoufik Balbouli (France)	2	3	3
Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)	3	–	17
Jeff Lampkin (US)	4	–	–
Michael Greer (US)	5	5	2
Glenn McCrory (England)	6	8	5
Tyrone Booze (US)	7	–	–
Angelo Rottoli (Italy)	8	–	–
Anthony Witherspoon (US)	9	–	18
Johnny DuPlooy (South Africa)	10	–	–
Evander Holyfield (US)	**–**	**C**	**C**
Sammy Reeson (England)	–	1	6
Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)	–	2	1
Everett Martin (US)	11	4	11
Bert Cooper (US)	–	6	8
Robert Daniels (US)	–	7	14
Miguel Cea (Chile)	–	10	23
Daniel Netto (Argentina)	–	–	7
Olian Alexander (US)	–	–	9
Bash Ali (Nigeria)	–	–	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Charles Williams (US)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)	1	2	3
Uriah Grant (US)	2	9	8
Frankie Swindell (US)	3	–	11
Tony Willis (US)	4	1	1
Dennis Andries (England)	5	3	2
Bobby Czyz (US)	6	8	4
Rufino Angulo (France)	7	–	–
Fred Delgado (Puerto Rico)	8	10	29
Don Lalonde (Canada)	**9**	**–**	**C**
Rodrigo Benech (Uruguay)	10	–	28
Virgil Hill (US)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)	–	4	–
Jean-Marie Emebe (France)	–	5	16
Pedro Van Raamsdonk (Nether.)	–	6	12
Ramzi Hassan (US)	–	7	7
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)	–	–	5
Alex Blanchard (Holland)	–	–	6
Willie Featherstone (Canada)	–	–	9
Tom Collins (England)	–	–	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Graciano Rocchigiani (Germany)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Lindell Holmes (US)	1	1	–
Frank Tate (US)	2	–	6
James Kinchen (US)	3	–	2
Chris Tiozzo (France)	4	–	9
Jeff Harding (Australia)	5	–	5
Thulani Malingo (South Africa)	6	–	–
Rod Carr (Australia)	7	–	21
Victor Cordova (Panama)	8	5	–
Carlos Antunes (Brazil)	9	–	10
Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)	10	10	8
Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Chris Reid (US)	–	2	20
Jay Strickland (US)	–	3	29
Wang-Sup Lee (Korea)	–	4	–
Ronnie Essett (US)	–	6	–
Terry Norris (US)	–	7	–
Vincent Boulware (US)	–	8	22
Mark Kaylor (England)	–	9	–
Ray Leonard (US)	–	–	1
Thomas Hearns	–	–	3
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)	–	–	4
In-Chul Baek (Korea)	–	–	7

MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Michael Nunn (US)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Frank Winterstein (France)	1	–	8
Mike McCallum (Jamaica)	2	2	4
Herol Graham (England)	3	1	2
Roberto Duran (Panama)	4	3	5
Tony Thornton (US)	5	8	9
Michael Watson (England)	6	–	7
Ronnie Essett (US)	7	–	16
Nigel Benn (England)	8	–	10
Mike Tinley (US)	9	–	11
Michael Olajide (Canada)	10	7	3
Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)	**–**	**C**	**–**
In-Chul Baek (Korea)	–	4	–
Chris Tiozzo (France)	–	5	–
Robbie Sims (US)	–	6	6
Doug DeWitt (US)	11	9	12
David Noel (Trinidad)	–	10	22
Iran Barkley (US)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Lindell Holmes (US)	–	–	1

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT/ SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Robert Hines (US)	**C**	**–**	**7**
Troy Waters (Australia)	1	–	9
Darrin Van Horn (US)	2	2	6
Jose Varela (Germany)	3	–	17
Matthew Hilton (Canada)	4	–	–
Terry Norris (US)	5	–	20
Francesco DeJesus (Brazil)	6	–	15
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)	7	8	24
Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)	8	6	4
Rene Jacquot (France)	9	7	10
Jorge Castro (Argentina)	10	4	5
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)	**–**	**C**	**2**
John Mugabi (Uganda)	–	1	1
Lupe Aquino (US)	–	3	3
Carlos Elliott (Japan)	11	5	29
Buster Drayton (US)	–	9	–
Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)	–	10	23
Donald Curry (US)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)	–	–	8

WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Simon Brown (US)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Al Long (US)	1	–	11
Tyrone Trice (US)	2	10	9
Marlon Starling (US)	3	3	2
Jorge Maysonet (Puerto Rico)	4	–	14
Manning Galloway (US)	5	6	25
Bobby Joe Young (US)	6	–	–
Mark Breland (US)	7	1	3
Jean Fontana (France)	8	–	24

Robert Rucker (US)	9	–	–
Aaron Davis (US)	10	–	15
Tomas Molinares (Colombia)	–	**C**	–
Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)	–	2	4
Fujio Ozaki (Japan)	–	4	7
Maurice Blocker (US)	–	5	5
Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)	–	7	1
Luis Garcia (Venezuela)	–	8	17
Kirkland Laing (England)	–	9	10
Lloyd Honeyghan (England)	–	–	**C**
Helio Santana (Brazil)	–	–	6
Derrick Kelly (US)	–	–	8

JR. WELTERWEIGHT/ SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Meldrick Taylor (US)	**C**	–	–
Jong Jung Pacquining (Philippines)	1	10	29
Buddy McGirt (US)	2	–	11
John Meekins (US)	3	6	5
Frankie Warren (US)	4	9	19
Courtney Hooper (US)	5	–	–
Frankie Randall (US)	6	–	7
Harold Brazier (US)	7	3	2
Thomas N'Kalankete (France)	8	8	10
Rodolfo Aquilar (Panama)	9	7	16
John Montes (US)	10	–	12
Juan Coggi (Argentina)	–	**C**	–
Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)	–	1	6
Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)	–	2	3
Joe Rivera (Puerto Rico)	–	4	–
Mike Johnson (US)	–	5	22
Roger Mayweather (US)	–	–	**C**
Rene Arredondo (Mexico)	12	–	1
Cassius Clay Horn (US)	–	–	4
Vinny Pazienza (US)	11	–	8
Lester Ellis (Australia)	–	–	9

LIGHTWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Greg Haugen (US)	**C**	–	–
Pernell Whitaker (US)	1	1	1
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)	2	2	4
Amancio Castro (Colombia)	3	–	9
Louie Lomeli (US)	4	5	10
Fred Pendleton (US)	5	–	6
Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)	6	7	5
Rafael Pineda (Colombia)	7	3	3
John Duplessis (US)	8	6	11
Livingstone Bramble (US)	9	–	23
Rolando Navarrete (Philippines)	10	–	15
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)	–	**C**	**C**
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)	–	4	2
Anthony Jones (US)	11	8	19
Alberto Cortes (Argentina)	–	9	7
Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)	–	10	8

JR. LIGHTWEIGHT/ SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Tony Lopez (US)	**C**	–	–
Tyrone Jackson (US)	1	2	4
Harold Knight (US)	2	10	8
Rocky Lockridge (US)	3	9	7
Juan LaPorte (US)	4	6	5
Ariel Duran (Philippines)	5	–	–
Felipe Orozco (Colombia)	6	–	–
Barry McGuigan (Ireland)	7	8	2
John Molina (Puerto Rico)	8	–	18
Mario Martinez (Mexico)	9	1	1
Gino Gelormino (US)	10	–	21
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)	–	**C**	–
Mario Miranda (Colombia)	–	3	6
Jackie Beard (US)	–	4	17
Lupe Suarez (US)	12	5	3
Jose Marmolejos (Panama)	–	7	–
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)	–	–	**C**
Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep)	–	–	9
John Sichula (Zambia)	–	–	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Jorge Paez (Mexico)	**C**	–	–
Calvin Grove (US)	1	–	6
Maurizio Stecca (Italy)	2	1	3
Jeff Franklin (US)	3	–	11
Bernard Taylor (US)	4	–	5
Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)	5	8	9
Harold Rhodes (US)	6	–	–
Hector Lopez (US)	7	4	1
Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)	8	5	12
Steve Cruz (US)	9	–	16
Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)	10	–	–
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)	–	**C**	–
Marcos Villasana (Mexico)	–	2	4
Mitsuru Sugiya (Japan)	–	3	26
Chan-Mok Park (Korea)	–	6	30
Tyrone Downes (Barbados)	–	7	7
Valerio Nati (Italy)	–	9	–
Sidnei Dal Rovere (Brazil)	–	10	10
Jeff Fenech (Australia)	–	–	**C**
George Navarro (US)	12	–	2
Byung-Soo Park (Korea)	–	–	8

JR. FEATHERWEIGHT/ SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Jose Sanabria (US)	**C**	–	–
Ramon Cruz (Puerto Rico)	1	–	–
Miguel Lora (Colombia)	2	–	2
Louie Espinoza (US)	3	3	6
Steve McCrory (US)	4	–	7
Jesse Benavides (US)	5	–	16
Vincenzo Belcastro (Italy)	6	–	–
Jesus Poll (US)	7	2	5
Pedro Decima (Argentina)	8	10	12
Fransie Badenhorst (South Africa)	9	–	–
Thierry Jacob (France)	10	–	–
Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)	–	**C**	–
Julio Gervacio (Dominican Rep.)	–	1	14
Paul Banke (US)	–	4	11
Loris Stecca (Italy)	–	5	4
Mark Horikoshi (Japan)	–	6	8
Orlando Fernandez (Puerto Rico)	–	7	28
Carlos Uribe (Chile)	–	8	21
Chan-Yong Park (Korea)	–	9	–
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)	–	–	**C**
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)	–	–	1
Valerio Nati (Italy)	–	–	3
Lucio Lopez (Argentina)	12	–	9
Luis Mendoza (Colombia)	–	–	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Orlando Canizales (US)	**C**	–	–
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)	1	–	17
Ken Mitchell (US)	2	8	19
Hurley Snead (US)	3	9	2
Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)	4	3	1
Pepillo Valdez (Mexico)	5	–	22
Roland Gomez (US)	6	–	–
Frankie Duarte (US)	7	10	15
Yun-Chun Min (Korea)	8	–	12
Paul Banke (US)	9	–	–
Ari Blanca (Philippines	10	–	–
Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)	–	**C**	–
Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)	–	1	6
Miguel Lora (Colombia)	–	2	–
Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)	–	4	8
Chun Huh (Korea)	–	5	3
Edgar Monserrat (Panama)	–	6	4
Israel Contreras (Venezuela)	–	7	5
Raul Perez (Mexico)	–	–	**C**
Fernie Morales (Mexico)	–	–	7
Luisito Espinoza (Philippines)	12	–	9
Alberto Davila (US)	–	–	10

JR. BANTAMWEIGHT/ SUPER FLYWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Elly Pical (Indonesia)	**C**	–	–
Juan Polo (Colombia)	1	–	4
Welcome Ncita (South Africa)	2	–	–
Ramon Medel (US)	3	–	–
Peter Mitrevski (Australia)	45	–	–
Nana Konadu (Ghana)	5	–	–
Mike Phelps (US)	6	–	28
William Ramos (Puerto Rico)	7	–	–
Jose Montiel (Mexico)	8	–	9
Thanomsak Sithbaobay (Thailand)	9	3	3
Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)	10	2	1
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)	–	**C**	–
Alberto Castro (Colombia)	–	1	8
Tae-Il Chang (Korea)	–	4	7
Santos Laciar (Argentina)	–	5	5
Chiaki Kobayashi (Japan)	–	6	19
Sugar Rojas (Colombia)	–	7	2
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)	–	8	10
Ernesto Ford (Panama)	–	9	23
Ari Blanca (Philippines)	–	10	24
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)	–	–	**C**
Ruben Condori (Argentina)	12	–	6

FLYWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Duke McKenzie (England)	**C**	–	–
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)	1	–	10
Daorung Chuwatana (Thailand)	2	–	30
Rolando Bohol (Philippines)	3	–	–
Tony DeLuca (US)	4	–	–
Louis Curtis (US)	5	–	–
Javier Lucas (Mexico)	6	7	4
Kenji Matsumura (Japan)	7	4	12
Jose Ruiz (Puerto Rico)	8	–	–
Maphai Narachavat (Thailand)	9	–	–
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)	10	9	2
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)	–	**C**	–
Julio Gudino (Panama)	–	1	–
Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)	–	2	3
Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)	–	3	5
Hilario Zapata (Panama)	–	5	–
Adrian Roman (Argentina)	11	6	6
Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)	–	8	19
Emil Matsushima (Japan)	–	10	7
Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)	–	–	**C**
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)	–	–	1
Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)	–	–	8
Nana Konadu (Ghana)	–	–	9

JR. FLYWEIGHT/ LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Tacy Macalos (Philippines)	**C**	–	**17**
Mario DeMarco (Argentina)	1	2	14
Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)	2	1	2
Isidro Perez (Mexico)	3	–	4
Fernando Martinez (Mexico)	4	–	–
Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)	5	5	5
Ebo Danquah (Ghana)	6	–	13
Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)	7	–	6
Pedro Feliciano (Puerto Rico)	8	–	–
Willy Salazar (Mexico)	9	–	22
Muangshai Kittikasem (Thailand)	10	–	10
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)	–	**C**	–
Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)	–	3	7
Jesus Rojas (Venezuela)	–	4	19
Armando Velasco (Mexico)	–	6	–
Kajkong Danphoothai (Thailand)	–	7	–
Katsumi Komiyama (Japan)	–	8	8
Sun-Yong Chang (Korea)	–	9	15
Leon Salazar (Panama)	–	10	–
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)	–	–	**C**
German Torres (Mexico)	–	–	1
Soon-Joon Kang (Korea)	–	–	3
Agustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	–	9

MINI FLY/MINIMUMWEIGHT/ STRAWWEIGHT	**IBF**	**WBA**	**WBC**
Samuth Sithnarvelpol (Thailand)	**C**	–	–
Eric Chavez (Philippines)	1	–	11
Boy Lucas (Philippines)	2	–	3
Kajkong Danpoothai (Thailand)	3	–	12
Santiago Mendez (Mexico)	4	–	5
John Arief (Indonesia)	5	–	–
Luis Monzote (US)	6	–	–
Nico Thomas (Indonesia)	7	–	18
Javier Varquez (Mexico)	8	–	6
Chana Paoin (Thailand)	9	8	–
Ricardo Lopez (Mexico)	10	–	7
Rafael Gamez (Venezuela)	–	**C**	–
Bong-Jun Kim (Korea)	–	1	17
Agustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	2	–
Tony DeLuca (US)	–	3	–
Hiroki Ioka (Japan)	–	**4**	**C**
Sam-Joong Lee (Korea)	–	5	16
Ha-Shik Lim (Korea)	–	6	–
Kyung-Yun Lee (Korea)	–	7	2
Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)	–	9	–
Benedicto Murillo (Panama)	–	10	–
Nana Katwanchai (Thailand)	–	–	1
Sung-Woo Lee (Korea)	–	–	4
Hector Patri (Argentina)	11	–	8
Hi-Yong Choi (Korea)	–	–	9
Francisco Montiel (Mexico)	12	–	10

▶**TWEED HEADS**—Seagulls Club—Jeff Harding, Australia's best super middle and light heavyweight, 170¾, knocked out Carlos Antunes of Brazil, 172¼, in the ninth of a scheduled 10.

It was a good bout all the way, but Harding held the edge from the first bell. In Round Nine, he wore Antunes to a frazzle, then decked him with a series of blows. Referee John Wright stopped the contest with Antunes lying on the canvas not knowing whether he was in Tweed Heads, Australia, or Tweedsmuir Hills, Scotland. All three judges had Harding well ahead.

Over 12 rounds, Kevin Johnson, 117½, outpointed veteran **Charlie Brown,** 118, for the vacant Australian bantamweight title, a crown relinquished by Peter Mitrevski.

Though Johnson won comfortably (120-107, 118-109 and 118-111), a $170 shower hit the ring after the bout as Brown received much praise for his gameness, a trademark with him. Always courageous and aggressive, Brown once held the Australian flyweight title.

I had refereed some of his fights, and he phoned me a few nights after losing to Johnson and said, "This was my last fight, Ray. I'll be 36 next month and I've had a few good innings. Enjoyed my career."

Alex Tui, 155¾, turned in an upset in his 10-rounder with Australian junior middleweight champion Steve Peel, 155¾. Peel was floored in Round Four and again in Round Five, when he was counted out by referee Billy Males at 1:09.

Ken Carter, 135½, halted Simon Maidment, 135½, in Round Three, Maidment having suffered a cut eye.

Promoter: Bill Mordey.

(12-7-88)

QUEENSLAND

▶**COOLANGATTA**—Patch Entertainment Centre—Veteran southpaw Jeff Malcolm, 143¼, had his 101st fight, winning a clear decision over Rod Price, 152¼, the scored being 99-91, 99-94 and 98-94.

Roy McElwaine, 154, outpointed Ian Glover, 154, over four.

Mick Brady, 164, and Mark Goodwin, 156, drew in three.

Promoter: Neil Pringle.

(11-21-88)

▶**GATTON**—Shire Hall—Noel Thornberry, 158¾, held his Queensland state middleweight title with a clear decision over Peter Mastroianni, 159¾.

Thornberry came close to losing, though, as he was floored twice in the 10th and final round. The scores were 96-93, 95-94 and 97-92.

The supports all were scheduled for three rounds.

Gordon Buzzer, 189½, outpointed Lloyd Cole, 200½.

Steve Patterson, 157¾, knocked out Dave Munro, 153¼, in one.

Neville Binns, 122¼, outpointed Tony Read, 125¾.

Tony Nolan, 136¾, outpointed Dale Branch, 127¾.

Promoters: Noel Thornberry & Alwyn Jones.

(12-9-88)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**NORTHERIDGE**—Perth Italian Club — Local Lou Cafaro is back.

Scaling 159, he KO'd Fijian Sailasa Lesi, 161, in Round Two of a scheduled 10.

Lesi was down in Round One, but beat the count. One second before the bell ended Round Two, he was down again, and referee Laurie Flanders counted out the dismal decimal.

In the 10-round support, Anthony Naidu, a Fijian resident in Australia, 147¾, knocked out Rah Puki, 141¼, in the fourth. Puki was battered and retired in his corner at the end of Round Four.

Over eight rounds, Shane Riley, 137, outpointed Pat Mudford, 137, in a rough and dirty fight, Mudford being the main offender.

Promoter: Joe Fazio.

(11-23-88)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

▶**CANBERRA**—Bruce Stadium—The Waters brothers had a field day (or night) here.

Op top of the bill, **Troy Waters,** 156½, who holds the British Commonwealth junior middleweight title, outpointed American **Ricky Stackhouse**, 159½, over 10 in a good bout.

Waters did not have it easy, though the decision was clear, the scores going 97-93 (twice) and 99-92.

In the main support, Australian heavyweight champion Dean Waters, overweight at 253¼, halted his No. 1 contender, Kevin Barry, 211½, in Round Four of a title bout. Barry was down in Round One, won rounds two and three, but was decked twice in Round Four and referee John Cauchi rescued him.

Surprising that a title tilt over 12 rounds should be billed below a 10-round non-title fight, but it has been happening a few times recently.

In another 10, Guy Waters, 175½, stopped American Gerald Brown, 180½, in Round Two. Brown was counted out after taking a right to the jaw.

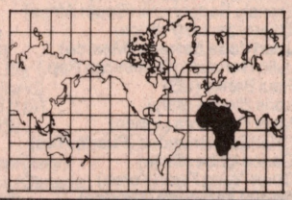
In a scheduled six, Arzan Basic, 188½, knocked out Jale Fotu, 176½, in the second.

Joe Knight, 165¼, and Anthony Naidu, 155½, drew over four.

Promoters: Marty Rhone & Arthur Lang.

(12-2-88)

RAY MITCHELL



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▶**WELKOM**—Welile Vumsindo won the Orange Free State junior lightweight title with an impressive 10-round TKO over Rueben Gosana, referee Steve Doran calling a halt.

Johannes Hoshella scored a convincing eight-round decision over Vuysile Zungwala in a lightweight clash.

Promoter: Frederick Mabuya.

Attendance: 500 (est.).

(9-3-88)

▶**EAST LONDON**—Mxhosana Jongilanga, the South African featherweight champion, was stopped in the 10th round of a non-title fight by Jerry Ngobeni.

This was Jongilanga's second inside-the-distance loss in a row, the previous being to American Edward Parker, and Jongilanga decided to retire after six years as a pro.

In a welterweight fight, Phumzile Madikane, South African junior welterweight champion, scored an easy eight-round decision over Joseph Lala.

Bantamweight prospect Mzwandile Ncita barely survived a last-minute onslaught from Derrick Whiteboy to win a unanimous eight-round decision.

Lulamile Manqina won the Cape junior welterweight title by stopping defending champion Xolani Sirunu in the first round.

(9-25-88)

▶**STANGER** — Lucky Shezi won a split 10-round decision over Barry Mithembu in the bantamweight division.

(10-1-88)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH** — Centenary Hall — Dingaan Thobela won the South African junior lightweight title with an impressive eight-round TKO over defending champion Mpisekhaya Mbaduli.

The 21-year-old Thobela, one of the country's brightest prospects, lived up to his reputation and completely outclassed his opponent.

Vumile Gomo outpointed Mzwandile Sokuyeka over eight rounds, flyweights.

Vumile Dyakala stopped Welcome Mondile in the six, feathers.

(10-1-88)

▶**SHOSHANGUVE**—Shoshanguve Recreation Gym — **Freddy Rafferty** knocked out inexperienced Reg Manzingane in just 2:31 to become the first holder of the Transvaal junior heavyweight title.

Matchmaker: Don McLoughlin.

Attendance: 350 (est.).

(10-2-88)

▶**CAPE TOWN**—Langa Stadium—Patrick Mboma scored a decisive eight-round decision over Zandisile Dyonase, lightweights.

Lightweight Boy Marola scored a narrow six-round decision over Elvis Gramanye.

Promoter: Jikeleza Mqombothi.

Attendance: 500.

(10-2-88)

▶**DURBAN**—Red Cross Hall — Elijah Cele, the old man of boxing, retained the Natal lightweight title when he stopped Bethwell Mkwanazi in the sixth of a scheduled 10.

In a light heavyweight contest, Abednigo Xaba stopped unfit Japie Fourie in the sixth.

Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith.

Attendance: 1,000 (est.).

(10-3-88)

▶**EAST LONDON**—Nqaba Govuza retained his Cape junior flyweight title for the sixth time with a nine-round KO over Siseko Mabusela.

Andrew Matyila and Tembisile Xokolo fought to a draw over eight rounds in the flyweight division.

(10-9-88)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—Vuyani Nene retained his South African junior flyweight title for the sixth time with a unanimous 12-round decision over Jacob Matlala.

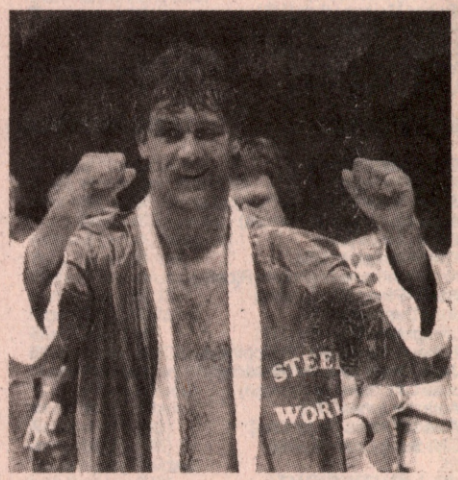
Eddie Skosana outpointed veteran Frazer Ndzandze over eight, bantamweights.

(10-16-88)

▶**MDANTSANE**—Flyweight Odwa Mdleleni scored an easy 10-round decision over Jacob Mazibuko.

Desptrough Rigby became the first Cape junior heavyweight champion when he stopped Piet Jacoby in the seventh of a scheduled 10.

(10-16-88)



South African heavyweight Johnny Du Plooy ran his pro log to 20-2-1 with a 10-round TKO over James Pritchard in Sun City.

▶**SUN CITY**—Super Bowl — The new, slimmer (205) **Johnny Du Plooy** scored a sensational 10th-round stoppage of American **James Pritchard**, 212.

The scores were close going into the 10th, and the fight exploded into action when Du Plooy stopped Pritchard in his tracks with a short right to the head that caused him to stagger all over the ring. Du Plooy followed with a barrage of punches that forced referee Stan Christodoulou to stop the fight with 40 seconds left.

Du Plooy is 20-2-1, while Pritchard dropped to 17-3-2.

Harold Volbrecht, 146, came from behind to knock out Phumzile Madikane, 144, in the 11th round to retain his South African welterweight title for the 19th time.

After a slow start, Fransie Badenhorst, 120, opened up in the fifth to stop defending champion Ephraim Lepota, 122, for the South African junior featherweight title.

Promoter: Sun International.

Matchmaker: Leanard Neil.

Attendance, 5,500.

(10-22-88)

▶**EAST LONDON**—Orient Theatre — Vuyani Bungu, the Cape junior featherweight champion, extended his unbeaten record with a resounding 10-round decision over tough Billy McKenkele.

Jerry Ngobeni made hard work of beating Skumbuzo Nyakathi over eight rounds, lightweights.

(10-23-88)

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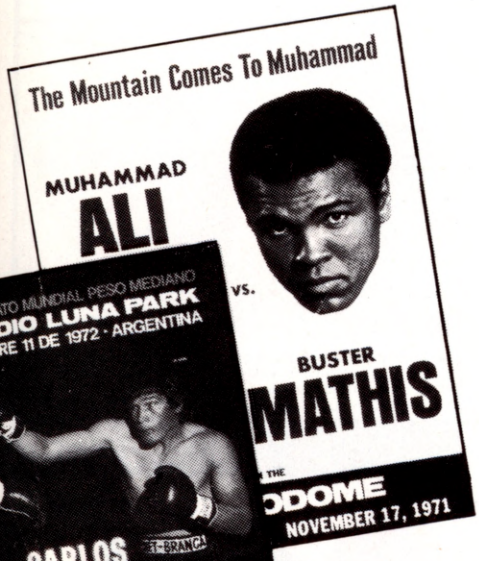

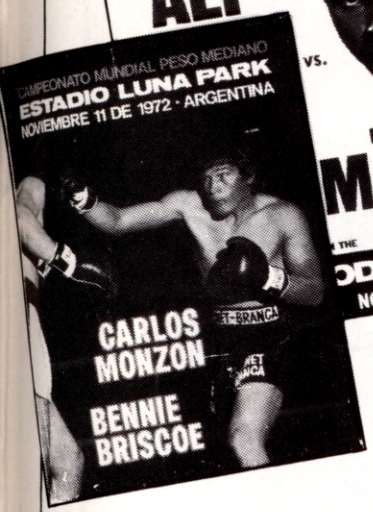

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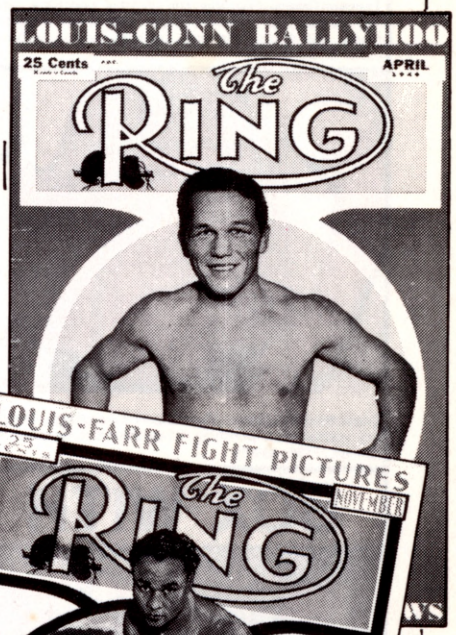

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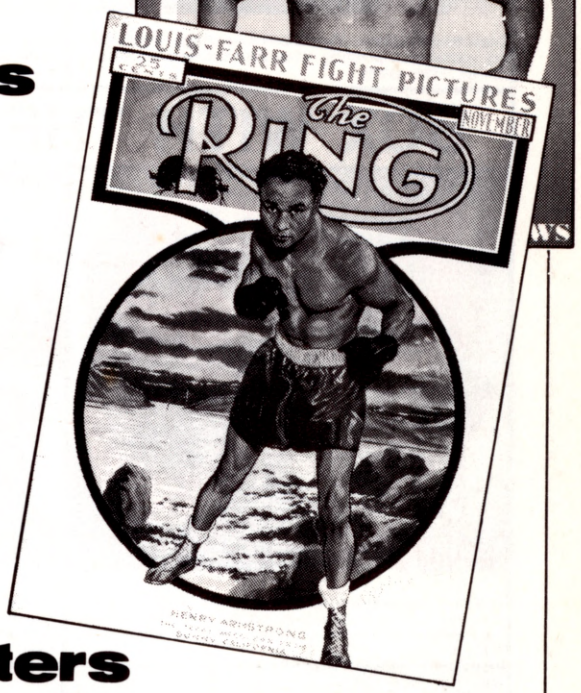

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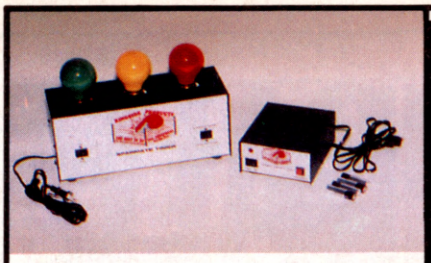

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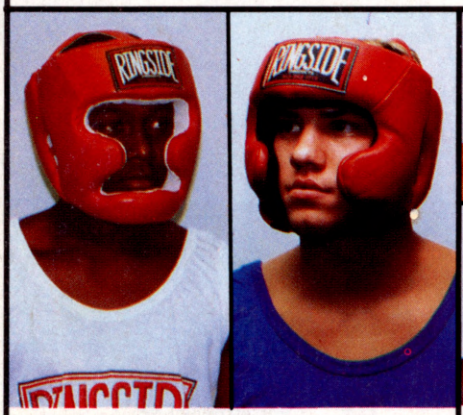

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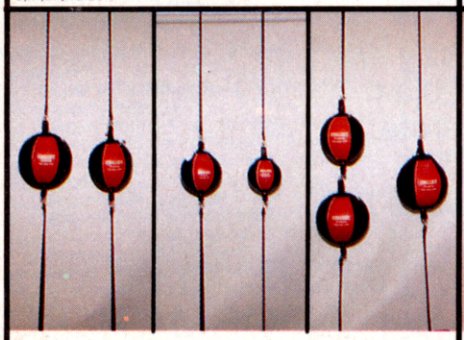

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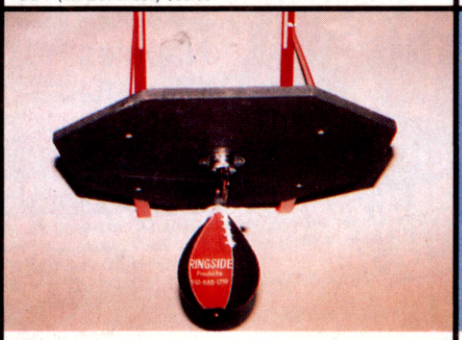

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